

Barton

Area Action Plan

covering Barton, Northway and Old Headington

Proposed Submission Consultation

Oxford badly needs more homes

Oxford City Council is preparing an Area Action Plan (or AAP) to guide future development of homes and other facilities on land to the north of the ring-road at Barton. We have now reached the third formal stage of producing the AAP. This is known as the Proposed Submission document. It sets out draft planning policies.



We want to hear your views
This leaflet summarises what the Area Action Plan (AAP) says, where you can find out more, how you can have your say and what will happen next. More detailed information is available on our web site:
www.oxford.gov.uk/Barton



What does the Plan say?

- A new neighbourhood of 800 – 1,200 homes of the highest quality and with at least 40% affordable housing for social rent.
- Changes to this stretch of ring-road, with traffic speeds reduced to a maximum of 40 miles per hour and new homes fronting its northern side.
- More parks and open spaces. A new park along Bayswater Brook will have areas for recreation and wildlife and links from the new development to the recently improved Play Barton. The recreation ground will be retained.
- A new left in/left out, right in/right out junction or signalised roundabout on the ring-road. The junction or roundabout will allow only bus and emergency vehicle access to Northway. Private vehicles will not be allowed access to Northway.
- Safe and easy-to-use footpaths and cycle ways. There will be new and improved links across the ring-road, including re-connecting Stoke Place bridleway.
- Revised or new bus services improving access to jobs, hospitals, shops and leisure facilities for people in Barton, Northway and the new homes.
- Two further secondary all-vehicle access points linking existing Barton to the new development. One of these will be from Fettiplace Road in Barton, close to the Recreation Ground. The other vehicle access between Barton and the new development will be from Barton Village Road.
- A new community building (or buildings) with a primary school plus new state-of-the-art community facilities in Northway.
- Economic opportunities such as construction apprenticeships for local people.

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We want to hear from those who support the proposals and those who have concerns

We have already listened and changed our plans:

- Ideas for building homes in Northway between Foxwell Drive and the ring-road have been dropped.
- Ruskin Fields has not been allocated for residential development.
- The new community facilities will be built and managed to be multi-purpose, shared and flexible.
- The cultivated allotments will be kept. The uncultivated allotment land will be brought back into community use, more than likely in its current location or, if not, elsewhere within the development site.
- There will be a larger supermarket to improve choice for people living in Barton and Northway, and an opportunity for a new post office. This will add to the range of facilities available to existing communities in neighbouring areas.
- Access to the Headington roundabout from Barton will be improved.
- Development in the nature park area will retain trees and green space, forming a buffer with existing homes in Harolde Close.
- The existing pedestrian and cycle crossing between Barton and Headington will be improved.

What areas are covered and why?

The area covered by the Barton AAP is shown on the map in this leaflet. It is the area within the solid red line: the development site, Barton, part of Northway and part of Old Headington Conservation Area.

In drawing up the AAP we have also considered a much wider area, particularly in terms of traffic and drainage. The wider area includes: Headington, Marston, Old Marston and villages nearby in South Oxfordshire. Some of the AAP policies require the developer to show that the development will not have negative impacts elsewhere.

Where can I find out more?

The Barton AAP can be viewed on-line at: www.oxford.gov.uk/Barton.

Paper copies of the AAP can be viewed at Oxford City Council's Customer Service Centre in St. Aldate's Chambers (opposite the Town Hall in St. Aldate's) or in the following libraries:

- Headington Library, Bury Knowle Park, North Place, Headington.
- Old Marston Library, Mortimer Hall, Oxford Road, Old Marston.
- Oxford Central Library, Information Services, 2nd Floor of the Central Library in the Westgate Centre.

How can I have my say?

This leaflet is being delivered to addresses within the AAP boundary.

Consultation on the Proposed Submission version of the Barton AAP is taking place between 10 February and 23 March 2012. You can submit your comments on-line by registering at www.oxford.gov.uk/consultation.

If you would prefer, you can fill in a paper response form. The forms are available at St. Aldate's Chambers, the libraries listed in this leaflet or on request from the Planning Policy team. Alternatively, you can download a form from www.oxford.gov.uk/Barton.

Completed paper response forms should be returned to the following addresses: **Planning Policy, Oxford City Council, 109-113 St. Aldate's Chambers, Oxford OX1 1DS.** You can also email comments to: planningpolicy@oxford.gov.uk.

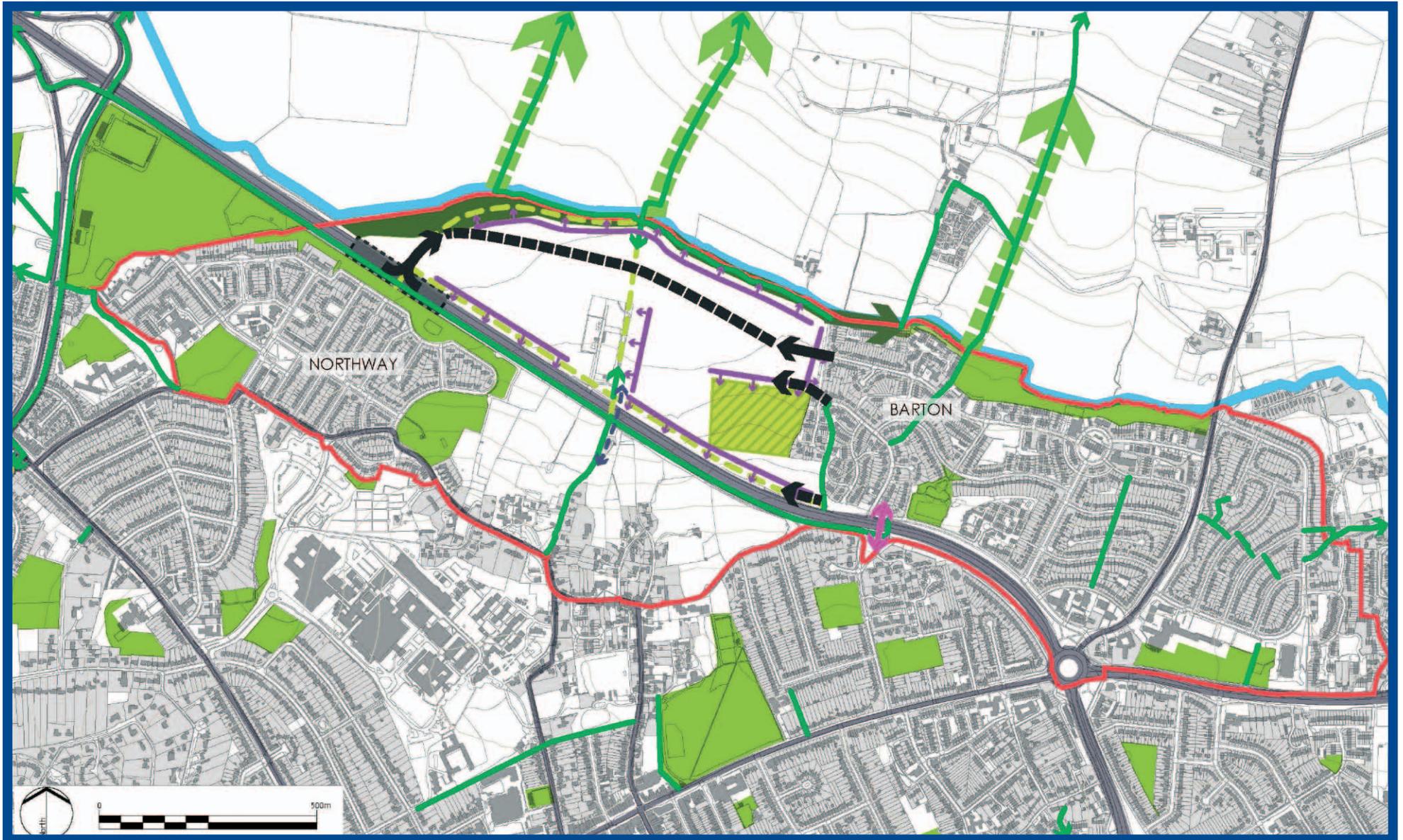
Please note that your response will be made publicly available and a copy will be published on the Council's website. You may ask for your personal details to be withheld before publication, but your comments cannot be anonymous.

Response forms and other comments must be received by Friday 23 March.

Key to Map

	AAP Area
	Bayswater Brook
	A40
	Key Routes
	Indicative Location of Signalised Junction or Roundabout
	Existing Pedestrian/Cycleways
	Potential Additional Linkages for Pedestrians and Cycles
	Main Vehicle Access to Strategic Development Site
	Potential Additional Vehicle Access Point
	Indicative Route for Primary Street
	Proposed Pedestrian and Cycle Crossing
	Access to Countryside
	Allotment Association Land
	Linear Park
	Open Space
	Potential Frontages
	Existing Pedestrian Subway

Map showing Barton Area Action Plan proposals



What sorts of questions should I think about when I am making my comments?

The policies in this version of the AAP are based on technical and financial studies, collaboration with the local community and other stakeholders and responses to consultation on the first two stages of the AAP process in 2010 and 2011.

In the earlier rounds of consultation you helped us to identify the issues and then how best to deal with those issues. This stage of consultation is different; we are now asking you to tell us whether you support or object to the AAP in the round. When you are making your comments you should consider the following sorts of questions: Are the policies based on robust evidence? Are the policies the most appropriate compared to reasonable alternatives? Can the AAP be delivered? Are the policies flexible enough?

The response forms will guide you through making your comments.

Submitting comments at this stage is important if you would like them to be considered by an independent Planning Inspector.

What has happened to the comments people made at earlier stages?

There have been two earlier stages of consultation. We consulted on an Issues document in 2010 and our Preferred Options document in 2011. The responses we received have been written up in a consultation report which can be viewed at www.oxford.gov.uk/Barton.

The responses have helped to shape the latest Proposed Submission version of the AAP. That does not mean that we have always chosen the most popular option. In some cases we have had to make difficult choices in order to achieve the AAP's wider objectives.

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What happens next?

All of the comments we receive by **23 March 2012** will be recorded and summarised. There may then be some limited changes to the AAP before it is submitted to the Government's Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. That next stage is known as the Submission document. All of the comments we receive will also be submitted to the Secretary of State.

The Submission document is due to be submitted to the Secretary of State in spring 2012. The Secretary of State will then appoint an independent Planning Inspector who will hold an independent examination of the AAP in summer 2012.

The Inspector will decide on the key issues resulting from the consultation and will set the questions to be discussed at the examination. The Inspector will also invite organisations and individuals to attend based on the comments made during this consultation.

At the end of the examination the Planning Inspector will prepare a report for the City Council. The report may propose that amendments are made to the AAP before it is finalised (or 'adopted') late in 2012.

The policies within the AAP will be used to guide the more detailed masterplanning of the development site. From May 2012 onwards there will be further chances for people to help develop the detailed plans. There will be exhibitions and other opportunities to have your say as the planning application for the site is prepared. These will be publicised nearer the time.

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