



# PRESS RELEASE

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## Public feedback sought on evolving proposals for Water Eaton (PR6a) site

- Further opportunity for public to influence proposals for Water Eaton (also known as PR6A)
- Consultation on latest plans for site open 30 June to 29 July 2022
- People invited to attend online event (12 July) to find out more and provide feedback

Christ Church is giving people a further opportunity to provide views on its emerging proposals for Water Eaton (the site also known as PR6a). The new neighbourhood located to the east of Oxford Road is allocated for the development of new homes, a primary school and local centre in the Cherwell Local Plan Partial review.

In Autumn 2021, Christ Church held an initial stage of public consultation seeking seek wider views on the emerging draft masterplan for the site, along with the proposed vision and development principles informing the ongoing development of the scheme.

Feedback submitted to this consultation, along with the findings from ongoing environmental assessments and technical surveys, continues to shape and refine the emerging proposals for the scheme.

Ahead of finalising its proposals for the site, Christ Church is now inviting members of the public to provide views on certain aspects of the evolving design including:

- The updated illustrative masterplan
- The movement strategy, which prioritises walking, cycling and public transport
- The location of the primary school, local centre and proposed School Street
- Design approach for Pipal Barns
- Access to the site from Oxford Road and connectivity to and across the site.

**James Lawrie, Treasurer at Christ Church Oxford, said:** *“We are committed to delivering the best possible scheme for Water Eaton, to provide much needed new homes for Oxford, while working carefully with the local environment and supporting the community.*

*“Having evolved the design for the scheme since our consultation last year, we’re keen to get people’s views on certain aspects of the current scheme so we can continue to develop our plans to create a neighbourhood that maximises the benefits to the local community and is as environmentally sustainable as possible.”*

All the feedback submitted to this interim consultation, along with the findings from ongoing studies, will be used to fix the parameters for the project and refine the plans for the site before carrying out a final stage of public consultation this Autumn ahead of submitting an outline planning application to Cherwell District Council.

## **This consultation**

This stage of interim consultation is open from 30 June to 29 July 2022, during which time Christ Church is holding an online webinar at which members of the team will provide an overview of work to date and answer questions.

The **online webinar event** will take place **18.30-20.00 on Tuesday 12 July 2022**. Anyone wishing to attend this event will need to register in advance on the project website [www.water-eaton.co.uk](http://www.water-eaton.co.uk)

For anyone unable to attend this event, the project website has been updated with the information being consulted on, along with the option to submit feedback online. Feedback can also be provided via email to [info@water-eaton.co.uk](mailto:info@water-eaton.co.uk) or in writing to **Freepost RRRG-AZTG-JLJX, Water Eaton Team (Camargue), Eagle Tower, Montpellier Drive, Cheltenham GL50 1TA**

**For more information about this consultation or advice on submitting feedback people can contact the project team directly by calling 0800 531 6831 or sending an email to [info@water-eaton.co.uk](mailto:info@water-eaton.co.uk).**

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## **Local Plan Policy – Policy Overview**

- The Cherwell Local Plan 2031 (Part 1) Partial Review was formally adopted on 7 September 2020. The Partial Review sets out the strategic planning framework and site allocations to meet Cherwell District's share of the unmet housing needs of Oxford to 2031.
- Christ Church owns the land identified in the Partial Review by Policy PR6a - Land East of Oxford Road. The site sits south of the Oxford Parkway station and Park & Ride, adjacent to the northern edge of the city at 'Cutteslowe', east of the Oxford / Banbury Road. Christ Church owns additional land outside the allocation to the east of the site.