

Establish a forum for accountability and nature advocacy in decision-making

Aim



To ensure nature is prioritised in decision-making, a community-led forum should be established, bringing together residents, conservation groups, environmental organisations, and representatives from each Oxford district. This forum will evaluate the success and shortcomings of nature-related initiatives and provide a platform for accountability. Additionally, a neutral nature advocate should be appointed at the pre-planning and decision-making stages of the Oxford Local Plan. Their role will be to represent the interests of nature and wildlife objectively, ensuring ecological considerations are embedded in urban planning and development.

Stakeholders

Forum: City and county councils, community groups, conservation/environmental organisations, residents, business owners, and educational institutions.

Nature Advocate: City council, landowners, universities, and developers.

First Steps

- Formalise the creation of the community-led forum and identify key participants from across Oxford.
- Secure funding and governance for the nature advocate role.
- Ensure both the forum and the advocate are integrated into the Oxford Local Plan

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