



# Headington Community Council Consultation

You should have received a pamphlet from the City Council explaining the consultation and asking for your views on setting up a Community Council for Headington. This leaflet is produced by the Headington Neighbourhood Forum and complements the City Council's pamphlet.

This is an important decision about Headington's future and we hope that residents will take part in the consultation exercise.

## What is a Community Council?

It would be a voice for Headington. A Community Council is a statutory body with elected councillors identical to a Parish or Town Council. Oxford already has four such councils, which are well supported by their local communities. If the outcome of the consultation is favourable, elections would be held in May 2020.

## Why should Headington have a Community Council?

Headington is rapidly changing. It faces very significant pressures over housing, traffic, retail premises, etc. It is essential that local people have a full say in how Headington develops. Provision of a Community Council is key to the success of Headington Neighbourhood Forum's Neighbourhood Plan.

## What are the benefits?

It would:

- give local people a say in how local funds are spent
- strengthen our community identity
- have a statutory right to be consulted on local planning applications
- protect and implement the Headington Neighbourhood Plan
- have the option to provide and maintain a variety of local services—for example, allotments, parking, green spaces, community transport schemes, events and festivals, footpaths, leisure and sports facilities, litter bins, public toilets, traffic calming measures and youth projects
- provide access to funding raised from local development
- carry out local projects

## How would the Council be funded?

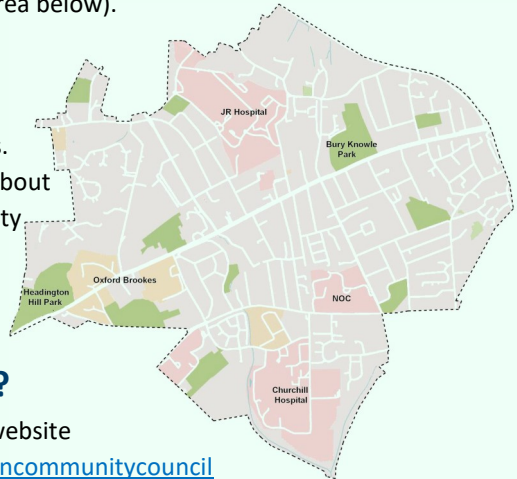
In order to provide these benefits and to cover running costs there would be a small additional charge on the Council Tax. The exact amount would be decided by the new Community Council. The average additional charge for parish councils in Oxford is about £23 per annum (Band D).

## What would be the Community Council boundary?

The area covered is the same as that of the Neighbourhood Plan. A detailed map can be found on the Headington Neighbourhood Forum and Oxford City Council websites (outline map of Area below).

## How could I take part?

The new Council would have councillors elected by the residents. If you would like to find out more about how you could become a Community Councillor, please see the Headington Neighbourhood Forum website [HeadingtonPlan.org.uk](http://HeadingtonPlan.org.uk)



## How can I find out more?

There is more information on our website and [www.oxford.gov.uk/headingtoncommunitycouncil](http://www.oxford.gov.uk/headingtoncommunitycouncil). You can contact us by email at [HeadingtonPlan@gmail.com](mailto:HeadingtonPlan@gmail.com) or visit us at the Headington Saturday Market on the 3rd and 10th August 2019.

## How can I respond to the consultation?

- Complete and post the last page of the City Council pamphlet , or
- Write to CGR, Electoral Services, The Town Hall, St. Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1BX, or
- Online at [www.oxford.gov.uk/headingtoncommunitycouncil](http://www.oxford.gov.uk/headingtoncommunitycouncil)

**The deadline for comments is Friday 23rd August 2019**

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