**PUBLIC NOTICE - ENVIRONMENT AGENCY**

Acquisition of Land Act 1981

The Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme Compulsory Purchase Order 2023

**Section 19 Application - Land at Seacourt Nature Park, Oatlands Recreation Ground, Kendall Copse, Kennington Pools, Grandpont Nature Park and Dean’s Ham Meadow, Hinksey Park and Botley Park, Oxford**

1. The Environment Agency has submitted the above named Compulsory Purchase Order (“**CPO**”) to the Secretary of State for Food Environment and Rural Affairs  for confirmation. If confirmed, the CPO will authorise:
2. the purchase of open space land (the “**order land**”), and
3. new rights over open space land (the “**rights land**”).

Land which forms part of an open space is defined in the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (“**the Act**”) as land laid out as a public garden, or used for the purposes of public recreation, or a disused burial ground.

1. The CPO will be subject to special Parliamentary procedure unless the Secretary of State for Levelling Up Housing & Communities gives a certificate in accordance with the provisions of section 19 of the Act, and paragraph 6 of Schedule 3 to the Act. The Secretary of State has been asked by the Environment Agency to certify:
2. under section 19(1)(a), that he is satisfied that there has been or will be given in exchange for the order land other land (the “**exchange land**”) which is not less in area and is equally advantageous to persons, if any, entitled to rights of common or other rights, and to the public, and that the exchange land has been or will be vested in the persons in whom the order land was vested, and subject to the like rights, trusts and incidents as attach to the order land; and
3. under paragraph 6(1)(a) of Schedule 3 that the rights land, when burdened with the new rights, will be no less advantageous to those persons in whom it is vested and other persons, if any, entitled to rights of common or other rights, and to the public, than it was before.
4. The order land, rights land and exchange land which is subject to the application for certification is situated across seven localities. These are referred to as Seacourt Nature Park, Oatlands Recreation Ground, Kendall Copse, Kennington Pools, Grandpont Nature Park & Dean’s Ham Meadow, Hinksey Park, and Botley Park.
5. In respect of Seacourt Nature Park, Kendall Copse and Kennington Pools, several alternative combinations of order land, rights land and exchange land are being considered. The reason for considering alternative land combinations is set out in the user-guide referred to in paragraph 7.
6. The order land, rights land, exchange land and the alternative combinations of each (where relevant) are described in the Schedules to this Notice and shown on the plans referred to in paragraph 7. The order land is described in the First Schedule; the rights land and the rights which are to be acquired over it are described in the Second Schedule; and the exchange land is described in the Third Schedule. On the plans referred to in paragraph 7 below, the order land is shown coloured pink, the rights land is shown coloured blue and the exchange land is shown coloured green.
7. The Secretary of State for Levelling Up Housing & Communities is required to direct the Environment Agency to give public notice of his intention to give a certificate before he reaches a decision, to afford an opportunity for representations and objections to be made. The Environment Agency hereby gives that notice. Any representations or objections in relation to this proposal should be addressed in writing to:

**By email to:**

[PCU@levellingup.gov.uk](mailto:PCU@levellingup.gov.uk)

**By post to:**

The Planning Casework Unit

Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities

23 Stephenson Street

Birmingham

B2 4BH

by 23:59 on 12 December 2023 quoting reference **PCU/S19/U3100/3321729**.

1. Copies of the draft CPO, the CPO map(s); plans showing the order land, the rights land and the proposed exchange land; and a user-guide to the plans are on deposit at:
2. Oxford Westgate Library, 228 The Westgate, Queen Street, Oxford  
   OX1 1PE; and
3. Environment Agency, Kings Meadow House, Kings Meadow Road, Reading RG1 8DG;

and may be seen at these locations at all reasonable hours. Copies of these documents are also viewable online at:

*https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/thames/ofas-updates/*

1. The Secretary of State for Levelling Up Housing & Communities may, if he considers it expedient, hold a public inquiry into the matter.

#### FIRST SCHEDULE

**Order Land**

| **Open Space Land Location** | | **Area required for permanent acquisition – Square metres** |
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| **Seacourt Nature Park (Botley Road, Oxford)** | Alternative A  Plots - 03/018, 03/019, 03/023, 03/050, 03/052, 03/057, 03/058, 03/063. | 11,634.5 |
| Alternative B  Plots - 13/018, 13/023, 13/050, 13/052, 13/057, 13/058, 13/063. | 11,618.4 |
| **Oatlands Recreation Ground (Ferry Hinksey Road, Oxford)** | Plots - 05/003, 05/007. | 1,795.8 |
| **Kendall Copse (Kennington Road, Kennington, Oxford)** | Alternative A1  Plots - 11/052, 11/059,11/067, 11/068, 11/076, 11/083, 11/086, 11/087, 11/088, 11/092, 11/095, 11/097. | 8,495.3 |
| Alternative A2  Plots - 11/052, 11/059, 11/068, 11/076, 11/083, 11/086, 11/087, 11/088, 11/092,11/095, 11/097. | 8457.7 |
| Alternative B1  Plots - 11/052, 11/059, 11/067, 11/068, 11/076, 11/083, 11/086, 11/087, 11/088, 11/092,11/095, 11/097. | 8,495.3 |
| Alternative B2  Plots - 11/052, 11/059, 11/068, 11/076, 11/083, 11/086, 11/087, 11/088, 11/092, 11/095, 11/097. | 8457.7 |
| **Kennington Pools (Kennington, Oxford)** | Alternative A  Plots -13/022x, 13/023, 13/033. | 4,430.5 |
| Alternative B1  Plots - 13/022x, 13/023, 13/033. | 4,430.5 |
| Alternative B2  Plots - 13/022x, 13/023, 13/033. | 4,430.5 |
| Alternative C1  Plots - 13/022x, 13/023, 13/033. | 4,430.5 |
| Alternative C2  Plots - 13/022x, 13/023, 13/033. | 4,430.5 |
| **Grandpont Recreation Ground & Dean’s Ham Meadow** | Plots - 14/03714/048. | 484.4 |
| **Hinksey Park, New Hinksey, Oxford** | N/A | N/A |
| **Botley Park (Botley Road, Oxford)** | N/A | N/A |
| **Totals in m2** | Dependent on which alternatives are taken forward. | |

**SECOND SCHEDULE**

**Rights and Rights Land**

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| **Open Space Land Location** | | **Area required for temporary working – Square metres** | **Area required for additional rights – Square metres** |
| **Seacourt Nature Park (Botley Road, Oxford)** | Alternative A  Plots – 03/022, 03/024, 03/045, 03/046, 03/047, 03/048, 03/049, 03/051, 03/053, 03/054, 03/055, 03/056, 03/059, 03/060, 03/061, 03/062, 03/064, 03/065, 03/066 | 4,890.1 | 1857.5 |
| Alternative B  Plots - 03/024, 03/045, 03/046, 03/047, 03/048, 03/049, 03/051, 03/053, 03/054, 03/055, 03/056, 03/059, 03/060, 03/061, 03/062, 03/064, 03/065, 03/066 | 4,889.6 | 1857.5 |
| **Oatlands Recreation Ground (Ferry Hinksey Road, Oxford)** | Plots – 05/001, 05/002, 05/004, 05/005, 05/006, 05/008, 05/009, 05/013, 05/014 | 7,041.5 | [1,214.4 with negligible impacts so N/A] |
| **Kendall Copse (Kennington Road, Kennington, Oxford)** | Alternative A1  Plots – 11/051, 11/060, 11/063, 11/064, 11/077, 11/078, 11/079, 11/080, 11/090, 11/093. | 13,103.5 | 498.5 |
| Alternative A2  Plots – 11/051, 11/060, 11/063, 11/064, 11/077, 11/078, 11/079, 11/080, 11/090, 11/093. | 13,103.5 | 498.5 |
| Alternative B1  Plots – 11/051, 11/060, 11/063, 11/064, 11/077, 11/078, 11/079, 11/080, 11/090, 11/093. | 13,103.5 | 498.5 |
| Alternative B2  Plots – 11/051, 11/060, 11/063, 11/064, 11/077, 11/078, 11/079, 11/080, 11/090, 11/093. | 13,103.5 | 498.5 |
| **Kennington Pools (Kennington, Oxford)** | Alternative A  Plots – 13/021x, 13/030, 13/034, 13/035. | 5,121.9 | 139.9 |
| Alternative B1  Plots – 13/021x, 13/030, 13/034, 13/035. | 5,121.9 | 139.9 |
| Alternative B2  Plots – 13/021x, 13/030, 13/034, 13/035. | 5,121.9 | 139.9 |
| Alternative C1  Plots – 13/021x, 13/030, 13/034, 13/035. | 5,121.9 | 139.9 |
| Alternative C2  Plots – 13/021x, 13/030, 13/034, 13/035. | 5,121.9 | 139.9 |
| **Grandpont Recreation Ground & Dean’s Ham Meadow** | Plots - 14/034, 14/035, 14/036, 14/038, 14/047. | 731.5  [an additional 744.3 with minimal impact so N/A] | [1,233.0 m2 with negligible impacts so N/A] |
| **Hinksey Park (New Hinksey, Oxford)** | Plots - 15/001, 15/002, 15/006, 15/010. | [3,076.5 with Exempted impacts so N/A] | N/A |
| **Botley Park (Botley Road, Oxford)** | Plots - 02/080, 02/082 | [6,678.0 with Exempted impacts so N/A] | N/A |
| **Totals in m2** | Dependent on which alternatives are taken forward | | |

**THIRD SCHEDULE**

**Exchange Land**

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| **Open Space Land Location** | | **Exchange Land location** | **Exchange Land Area provided in CPO (m2)** |
| **Seacourt Nature Park (Botley Road, Oxford)** | Alternative A  Plots - 03/018, 03/019, 03/022, 03/023, 03/024, 03/045, 03/046, 03/047, 03/048, 03/049, 03/050, 03/051, 03/052, 03/053, 03/054, 03/055, 03/056, 03/057, 03/058, 03/059, 03/060, 03/061, 03/062, 3/063,  03/064,   03/065,   03/066. | Land south west of Lamarsh Road, Oxford  Plots – 03/067, 03/068, 03/069, 03/070, 03/071, 03/072, 03/073. | 11,765 |
| Alternative B  Plots - 03/018, 03/023, 03/024, 03/045, 03/046, 03/047, 03/048, 03/049, 03/050, 03/051, 03/052, 03/053, 03/054, 03/055, 03/056, 03/057, 03/058, 03/059, 03/060, 03/061, 03/062, 03/063, 03/064, 03/065, 03/066. | Land south west of Lamarsh Road, Oxford  Plots – 03/067, 03/068, 03/069, 03/070, 03/071, 03/072. | 11,749 |
| **Oatlands Recreation Ground (Ferry Hinksey Road, Oxford)** | Plots - 05/001, 05/002, 05/003, 05/004, 05/005, 05/006, 05/007, 05/008, 05/009, 05/013, 05/014. | Land southwest of Osney Mead industrial estate, Oxford  Plots  -  05/072, 05/073. | 1,880 |
| **Kendall Copse (Kennington Road, Kennington, Oxford)** | Alternative A1  Plots - 11/051, 11/052, 11/059, 11/060, 11/063, 11/064, 11/067, 11/068, 11/076, 11/077, 11/078, 11/079, 11/080, 11/083, 11/086, 11/087, 11/088, 11/090, 11/092, 11/093, 11/095, 11/097. | Land south of the A423 southern bypass road and being part of Egrove Park, Oxford  Plots – 13/002, 13/003, 13/004, 13/005, 13/006, 13/007, 13/009, 13/010, 13/014, 13/016, 13/019, 13/020, 13/021. | 9,283 |
| Alternative A2  Plots - 11/051, 11/052, 11/059, 11/060, 11/063, 11/064, 11/068, 11/076, 11/077, 11/078, 11/079, 11/080, 11/083, 11/086, 11/087, 11/088, 11/090, 11/092, 11/093, 11/095, 11/097. | Land south of the A423 southern bypass road and being part of Egrove Park, Oxford  Plots –  13/002, 13/003, 13/004, 13/005, 13/006, 13/007, 13/009, 13/010, 13/014, 13/016, 13/019, 13/021. | 9,245 |
| Alternative B1  Plots - 11/051, 11/052, 11/059, 11/060, 11/063, 11/064, 11/067, 11/068, 11/076, 11/077, 11/078, 11/079, 11/080, 11/083, 11/086, 11/087, 11/088, 11/090, 11/092, 11/093, 11/095, 11/097. | Land south of the A423 southern bypass road and being part of Egrove Park, Oxford  Plots - 13/002, 13/003, 13/004, 13/005, 13/006, 13/007, 13/010, 13/014, 13/015, 13/016, 13/017, 13/018, 13/019, 13/020, 13/021, 13/022. | 9,283 |
| Alternative B2  Plots - 11/051, 11/052, 11/059, 11/060, 11/063, 11/064, 11/068, 11/076, 11/077, 11/078, 11/079, 11/080, 11/083, 11/086, 11/087, 11/088, 11/090, 11/092, 11/093, 11/095, 11/097. | Land south of the A423 southern bypass road and being part of Egrove Park, Oxford  Plots - 13/002, 13/003, 13/004, 13/005, 13/006, 13/007, 13/010, 13/014, 13/015, 13/016, 13/017, 13/018, 13/019, 13/021, 13/022. | 9,245 |
| **Kennington Pools (Kennington, Oxford)** | Alternative A  Plots - 13/021x, 13/022x, 13/023, 13/030, 13/033, 13/034, 13/035. | Land south of the A423 southern bypass road and being part of Egrove Park, Oxford  Plots - 13/001, 13/008. | 4,538 |
| Alternative B1  Plots - 13/021x, 13/022x, 13/023, 13/030, 13/033, 13/034, 13/035 | Land south of the A423 southern bypass road and being part of Egrove Park, Oxford  Plots – 13/004, 13/005, 13/006, 13/010, 13/014, 13/016, 13/019, 13/020. | 4,538 |
| Alternative B2  Plots - 13/021x, 13/022x, 13/023, 13/030, 13/033, 13/034, 13/035 | Land south of the A423 southern bypass road and being part of Egrove Park, Oxford  Plots – 13/003, 13/004, 13/005, 13/006, 13/010, 13/014, 13/016, 13/020. | 4,538 |
| Alternative C1  Plots - 13/021x, 13/022x, 13/023, 13/030, 13/033, 13/034, 13/035 | Land south of the A423 southern bypass road and being part of Egrove Park, Oxford  Plots - 13/004, 13/005, 13/010, 13/014, 13/015, 13/016, 13/017, 13/018, 13/019, 13/020, 13/021. | 4,538 |
| Alternative C2  Plots - 13/021x, 13/022x, 13/023, 13/030, 13/033, 13/034, 13/035 | Land south of the A423 southern bypass road and being part of Egrove Park, Oxford  Plots - 13/003, 13/004, 13/005, 13/010, 13/014, 13/015, 13/016, 13/017, 13/019, 13/020, 13/021. | 4,538 |
| **Grandpont Recreation Ground & Dean’s Ham Meadow** | Plots - 14/034, 14/035, 14/036, 14/037, 14/038, 14/047, 14/048. | Land northwest of the Oxford Spires Hotel, Abingdon Road, Oxford  Plots - 15/014, 15/015, 15/016, 15/019. | 490 |
| **Hinksey Park (New Hinksey, Oxford)** | Plots - 15/001, 15/002, 15/006, 15/010. | None | 0 |
| **Botley Park (Botley Road, Oxford)** | Plots - 02/080, 02/082. | None | 0 |
| **Totals in m2** | Dependent on which alternatives are taken forward | | |