

Section 62A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Designation Notice

On 4 December 2024 the Secretary of State laid before Parliament a document setting out the criteria for designation and de-designation under section 62B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (“the designation criteria”). Neither House of Parliament resolved that the designation criteria should not be approved within the 40-day period referred to in that section.

In applying the designation criteria, the Secretary of State has considered data for the two year period ending on 31 March 2025 and subsequent appeals decisions to 31 December 2025 on the quality of decision making by local planning authorities on applications for planning permission for major development.

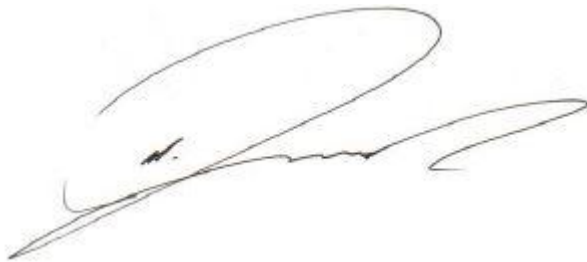
The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 62A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, and by reference to the designation criteria mentioned above, considers that there are respects in which the local planning authority specified below is not adequately performing their function of determining applications for planning permission for major development under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and therefore, it is appropriate to make the following designation:

Cherwell District Council in respect of applications for planning permission for major development.

Duration of designation

This designation has effect from 09:00 on **15 June 2026** and shall remain in force until revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government.



Matthew Pennycook MP

Minister of State for Housing and Planning.

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

Date **15 June 2026**