



Notice of Inquiry (Rule 18)

Instruction Letter to Applicant, LPA and statutory parties

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (Section 293D application)

Dated: 1 September 2026

Application Reference No: CROWN/2026/0000004

Applicants: Home Office

Local Planning Authority: Cherwell District Council

Site address: Campsfield Immigration Removal Centre (IRC), Evenlode Crescent, Kiddlington, OX5 1RE

Proposal description: *'Outline Planning Application with all matters reserved (except for access) for the expansion of Campsfield IRC comprising the development of new accommodation blocks and ancillary supporting accommodation, the conversion of existing site infrastructure, demolition of existing structures, creation of additional car parking, landscaping and associated site infrastructure.'*

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Please read this correspondence carefully, as there are action which generally need to be completed no later than four weeks before the Inquiry opens.

Appointed Inspector

The appointed Inspector in this case is:

Mr C Parker BA(Hons) PGCert MA FRGS MRTPI IHBC.

Exercising the powers under s319a TCPA, in accordance with Rule 13, the Inspector has determined that a Local Inquiry is required.

Inquiry dates

The Inquiry is anticipated opening at 10:00am on **Tuesday 6 October 2026**, at a venue to be confirmed. At this stage it is likely to sit for the whole week (until lunchtime on the Friday).

Members of the public may attend the Inquiry and, at the Inspector's discretion, express their views. You should register to speak before attending by contacting the Planning Inspectorate at:

Should you wish to speak at the Inquiry, you should ensure that you are able to attend on the first day, as detailed above.

Documents relating to the application can be viewed online at:

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Inquiry Timetable (Rules 13 and 20)

The appointed Inspector has exercised the powers under Rules 13 and 20 to set out a timetable for the Inquiry. Although it is not planned to sit for longer than 5 days at this stage, the Inspector considers that a timetable will assist the parties in preparation for the Inquiry. This is especially so in this instance, given the overall rapid timescales involved.

Tuesday 25 August 2026	Notice of Inquiry
Friday 18 September 2026	Statement of cases (R13) / Proofs of Evidence (R20)
Friday 25 September 2026	List of Appearances from principal parties
Tuesday 6 October 2026	Inquiry Opens

To be clear, all representations made to date will be considered when determining the application.

All statement of cases and/or Proofs of evidence will be uploaded to the Crown website on submission.

At this stage, the Inspector does not anticipate issuing a Statement of Matters (Rule 14).

Notice of Inquiry (to be displayed as a site notice)

[This will be sent once a venue is confirmed]

I enclose a copy of the Notice of Inquiry in relation to this Crown Development Application.

Please can you ensure that this Notice is displayed in a conspicuous place near to the land (in approximately the same locations as the application site notices), so that any interested parties can see the notice. (Rule 18(6)(c)).

We will also send separately a copy to the local Parish Council(s), should they wish to display a copy in any Parish noticeboard and/or website.

Notice of Inquiry (sending to persons)

With regard to sending this notice to other persons, in this instance the appointed Inspector has instructed us to send this notice to all interested parties who made representations at the consultation stage (Rule 18(6)(b)). As we have the details to send this notice direct to those parties, we will undertake this activity.

We will also publish this Notice of Inquiry on the Find a Crown Development Application website.

Please do contact us should there be any queries with the above requests.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Crown Development Case Team