



10 LITTLEGATE STREET OXFORD OX1 1RL



DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY

- Rare opportunity to acquire a prime city centre
 Oxford development site with planning permission for a 130-key hotel and ancillary community facility venue.
- Ideal location for alternative uses including student accommodation, co-living, BTR, residential, charitable or educational (subject to planning).
- Real opportunity for an owner occupier to create a purpose-built hub for their operations or as an annexe to a University of Oxford college.
- Formerly used as a Deaf and Hard of Hearing Centre and comprising a Grade II listed former farmhouse and a Baptist Chapel with extensions to the east and south.
- The existing buildings provide a total of 1,122.6 sq m (12,083 sq ft) GIA. The planning permission provides a total GIA of 2,463 sq m (26,512 sq ft).
- Available with vacant possession.
- Long leasehold interest.
- We are instructed to seek offers on an unconditional basis for the long leasehold interest on terms to agreed. Consideration will be given to conditional and/or freehold proposals.



OXFORD GROWTH STORY

'Oxford has one of the strongest national economies in the UK, driven by its reputation for academic excellence and cutting-edge research and innovation'



Oxford is home to over 40,000 students, almost a quarter of the city's population



Nearly three quarters of employment is within 'Knowledge Intensive' sectors



Oxford has a Net Zero Carbon Action Plan in place to achieve net zero carbon emissions across the whole city by 2040 (10 years ahead of the legal deadline)



Unemployment stands at 3.4%, below the national average of 4.3%



University of Oxford ranked 1st in the Higher Education World University Rankings 2025



Oxford has several low traffic neighbourhoods and pedestrianised streets and is a cycle friendly city



Total value of spin-outs by University of Oxford is estimated at £8.1bn



The Office for National Statistics reported 8.8% rental growth in Oxford in 2024



Oxford University Innovation (OUI) published its 2024 Impact Report demonstrating £872m of investment over 12 months and the creation of 15 new companies

Oxford has one of the strongest national economies in the UK, driven by its reputation for academic excellence and cutting-edge research and innovation. The University has been ranked in the Times Higher Education World Rankings as one of the world's best institutions for clinical health teaching and research for the twelfth consecutive year.

The Oxford science and technology ecosystem is placed 5th in the global Top 100 for venture capital raising. Oxford Science Enterprises (OSE) was set up in 2015 and its fund is the largest dedicated university fund for start ups and spinouts. Over the past year, the number of spinouts created within the University increased from 193 to 205. OSE companies now occupy over 350,000 sq ft across Oxfordshire and this is expected to grow to over 2.5m sq ft in the next 5 years.

Spin-out companies are typically formed based on academic research generated within and owned by the University. Investment in University of Oxford spin-outs increased from an average of £125m per year (2011-2015) to c. £600m, (2016-2021) and over £1bn (2021 onwards).



Oxford is ranked 10th in the UK in PwC's Good Growth for Cities 2024

LOCATION

Oxford is globally recognised for its knowledge base, anchored by the strength of the University of Oxford, which is ranked 1st in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2025.

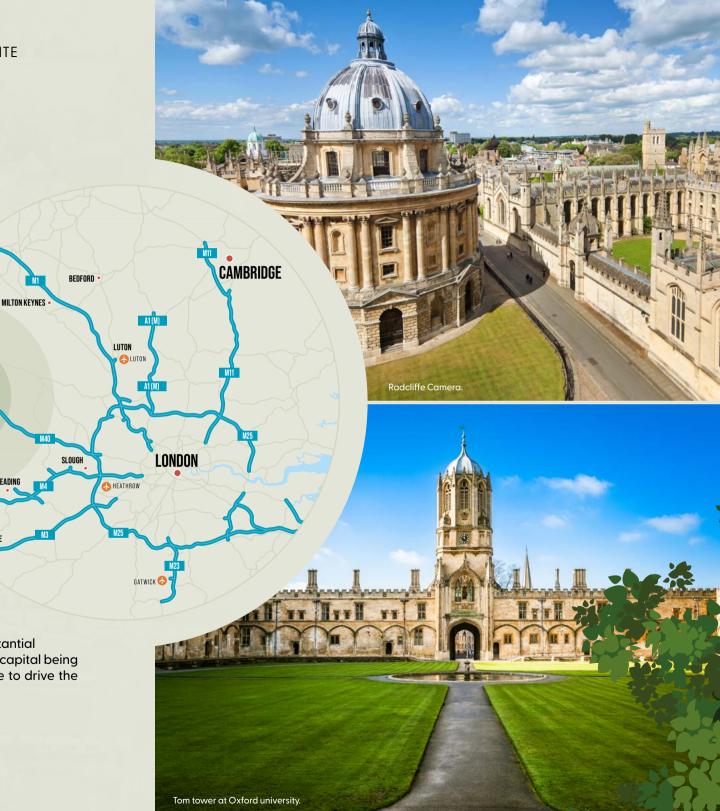
Situated strategically within the prestigious Golden Triangle, alongside London and Cambridge, Oxford plays a vital role in the Oxford-Cambridge Knowledge Arc.

Oxford has established itself as a significant player in the science and innovation sector. The global standing of the city's academic institutions and its notable contributions to addressing the global pandemic have turned it into a sought-after destination for companies of all sizes, especially those working in life sciences and technology.

Over the past few decades, the University of Oxford has been a leader in creating spin-out companies and attracting substantial capital investment. There is a significant amount of financial capital being raised by companies created in Oxford, which will continue to drive the city's economic growth in the medium and long term.

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TRAVEL & CONNECTIVITY



OXFORD PARK & RIDE

Oxford City Council are committed to reducing car journeys into the city centre and operate an extensive Park and Ride system with five sites located around the City's ring road. Buses run every 10 minutes into the city centre and stop at key locations including immediately outside the Premier Inn hotel and opposite the entrance to the Westgate shopping centre.



OXFORD STATION

Oxford Station is the city's principal rail station running regular services nationally. In 2023/24 the Station served over 6.7 million passengers.

Oxford Station is currently undergoing an extensive regeneration scheme aimed at enhancing capacity and facilitating the new Varsity Line, which will establish a connection between Oxford and Cambridge via Bedford, Bicester and Milton Keynes.

Oxford to Bletchley and Milton Keyes is complete with passenger services due to start from 2025. The entire line to Cambridge is anticipated to be finalised by 2030.





OXFORD'S TUBE & BUS SERVICES

The Oxford Tube runs a regular bus service between London Victoria and Oxford, with a fastest journey time of 1 hour and 40 minutes.

The City operates numerous bus services connecting the wider Oxford area with a major interchange immediately opposite Westgate shopping centre.

CENTRES	Distance	Drive Time	
London	60 miles (96 km)	1 hour 15 mins	
Bristol	68 miles (109 km)	1 hour 20 mins	
Birmingham	80 miles (128 km)	1 hour 20 mins	
ROAD	Distance	Drive Time	
A34	2 miles (4 km)	10 mins	
A40	3 miles (6 km)	14 mins	
M40	10 miles (16 km)	21 mins	
RAIL	Distance	Journey Time	
Oxford to London Paddington	60 miles (96 km)	49 mins	
Oxford to Birmingham New Street	77 miles (124 km)	1hour	
Oxford to Bristol Temple Meads	85 miles (137 km)	1 hour 20 mins	
AIR	Distance	Drive Time	
London Heathrow Airport (LHR)	50 miles (80 km)	1hour	
London Luton Airport (LTN)	60 miles (96 km)	1 hour 10 mins	
Birmingham Airport (BHX)	65 miles (104 km)	1 hour 10 mins	









OXFORD TUBE ROUTE











SITUATION

The property is located immediately to the south of Oxford City Centre. It is situated on the southern end of Littlegate Street just south of Queen Street and east of Oxford's newly redeveloped Westgate Shopping Centre.

The surrounding area is predominantly residential to the south of Pembroke College with some nearby student accommodation and commercial office space. Oxford Magistrates Court and Oxford Crown Court are on opposite sides of neighbouring Speedwell Street.

Nearby Oxford colleges include Christ Church, Pembroke, Merton, St Peter's, Oriel, Queen's, Lincoln, Exeter, All Souls and Jesus. The green open space of Christ Church Meadow is within a 5 minute walk, as is the Thames Path adjacent to the River Thames.

Amenities on St Aldates, the southern arterial route into the city centre include independent coffee shops, gift shops, the Post Office, Sainsbury's, the Museum of Oxford and Oxford Town Hall.

The close by Westgate Shopping Centre is anchored by John Lewis and boasts an array of national retailers and food and beverage outlets including:





















13th Century Archway

DESCRIPTION

The northern part of the property known as 10 Littlegate Street dates from 1647 and was originally a farmhouse (known in the planning application as the Cottage).

It is Grade II listed and contains a 13th century archway, believed to be a gateway to the former Blackfriars Friary (located within the Cottage but partially concealed by the structure).

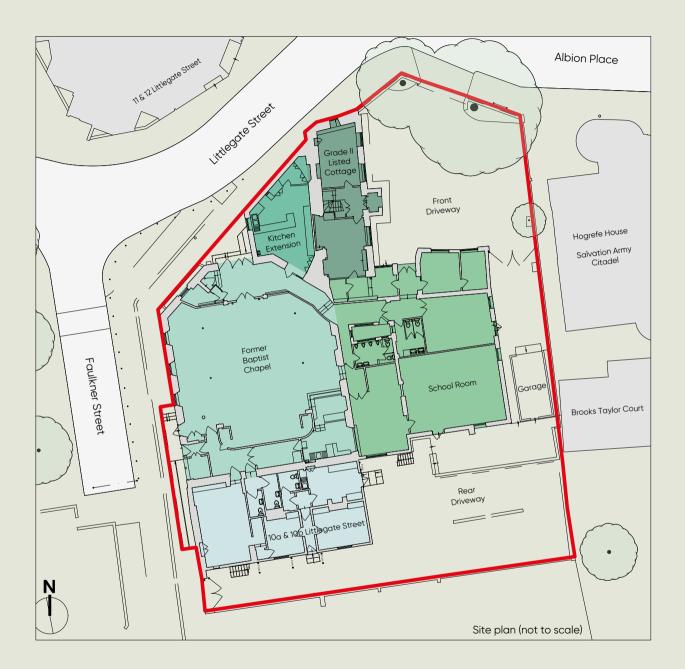
The former Baptist Chapel is now considered part of 10 Littlegate Street, but was built later in c. 1832. In the mid-twentieth century it was connected to the Cottage. The two properties are linked, though we understand the listing only applies to the older part.

The Baptist Chapel was further extended to the east in 1884 for use as a school.

A two-storey extension to the south of the Baptist Chapel was then built in the late twentieth century and is referred to as 10A (ground floor) and 10B (first floor) Littlegate Street. The latter is accessed via an external staircase.

Single storey extensions linking the Cottage, Baptist Chapel and school room were erected in the twentieth century and currently serve as kitchen and reception rooms.

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USE HISTORY

Over the last sixty years, the buildings have primarily been used for 'community use' and the planning history indicates part of the site has been brought into this D1 use from office and residential use.

Any office / administrative function has been ancillary to the primary community facility use. This D1 use is now Class F2 under the amended Use Class Order.

The Deaf Direct and Hard of Hearing Centre which previously occupied the site relocated to another property south of the city centre. An independent photography studio operating from the 'school' building closed in early 2021. It is considered that the last lawful use by the Deaf Centre was in early 2020.

EXISTING SITE

The property has a site area of c. 0.32 acres (0.13 ha).



ACCOMMODATION

The property has been measured as follows to ascertain the lettable areas:

Description	Floor	Area (sq ft)	Area (sq m)
Vicarage - Offices - NIA	Ground, 1st and 2nd	1,341	124.58
Reception, Chapel and Foyer - GIA	Ground	754	70.05
Main Chapel (Hall) - GIA	Ground	2,044	189.89
Main Chapel (Hall) - GIA	First	1,483	137.78
10A Littlegate Street - NIA	Ground	793	73.67
Photography Studio (School Room) and Adjacent Room - NIA	Ground	979	90.95
Kitchen - NIA	Ground	377	35.02
10B Littlegate Street - NIA	First	654	60.76
10C Littlegate Street - NIA	First	412	38.28
Total		8,837	820.98

The building has been measured on a GEA and GIA basis as follows:

Existing	Building	Areas
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Floor	GEA (sq m)	GIA (sq m)	Opensided covered areas (sq m)	Notes
Ground Floor	722.7	662.1	4.2	
First Floor	485.2	416.3	0.0	Void to chapel gallery included
Second Floor (Vicarage only)	73.3	44.2	0.0	
Total Area	1,281.2	1,122.6	4.2	





EXISTING FLOOR PLANS





TO LITTLEGATE STREET OXFORD OX1 IRL



Proposed Massing Study

PLANNING PERMISSION

Listed Building Consent was granted on 30 December 2022 for:

Demolition of C19 addition to 10 Littlegate Street and alterations to and refurbishment of existing building. [21/03583/LBC]

Planning Permission was granted on 30 December 2022 for:

Conversion and partial redevelopment of the Oxford Deaf and Hard of Hearing Centre to create a hotel (Use Class C1) with ancillary community facility venue.

The proposal includes the retention, refurbishment and repair of the principal grade II listed building (10 Littlegate Street); conversion, refurbishment and repair of the former Baptist Chapel building; demolition of side and rear extensions (10a and 10b Littlegate Street); erection of a 4-storey side extension and part 2/4 storey rear extension; provision of hard/soft landscaping; installation of green/blue roofs and green walls; and provision of 2 no. accessible car parking spaces (with EV charging points) and staff/quest cycle parking. [21/03582/FUL]





PLANNING COMMENTARY

The hotel planning permission is for a 130-key hotel with ancillary community facility venue. The proposed development involves the demolition of the single story side 'school room' extension and two-storey rear extension to the former Baptist Chapel. In their place, a part two, three and four storey infill extension to the Baptist Chapel would be erected to provide the majority of the new hotel accommodation.

The listed Cottage and former Baptist Chapel would be sensitively restored, refurbished and converted to provide hotel accommodation.

The proposed development would provide 2,463 sq m or 26,512 sq ft (GIA) of new hotel floorspace (including the ancillary community venue) and 130 bedrooms in total. A detailed floor by floor breakdown of the proposed GIAs is included in the Design and Access Statement (within the data room) and summarised below.

PROPOSED BUILDING AREAS (SQ M)							
Floor	GEA within existing building structure	GEA within new build structure	Opensided covered areas	GIA within existing building structure	GIA within new build structure	Notes	
Ground Floor	346.7	585.5	15.4	278.7	525.9		
First Floor	346.3	494.6	0.0	269.5	446.7	New floor within chapel gallery	
Second Floor	161.6	454.1	0.0	137.0	409.5	New floor within chapel attic	
Third Floor	0.0	438.5	0.0	0.0	395.7		
Subtotal Area	854.6	1,972.7	15.4	685.2	1,777.8		
Total Area	2,827	7.3	15.4	2,463.0			

PROPOSED GUEST ROOM SCHEDULE						
Floor	Standard Rooms	Fully Accessible Rooms	Total per floor	Notes		
Ground Floor	23	2	25			
First Floor	44	2	46			
Second Floor	33	2	35			
Third Floor	22	2	24			
Total	122	8	130	6% of rooms fully accessible		
Thereof rooms without windows			38	29% of total room count		
Thereof rooms with windows			92	71% of total room count		





PLANNING COMMENTARY (CONT'D)

It should be noted that since the community venue facility is intended to be managed by the hotel it is part of the same single planning unit, which is hotel (Class C1).

The hotel layout includes a proportion of windowless rooms (38 rooms or 29% of the 130 rooms). The principle of windowless rooms has been accepted by hotel operators at other locations across the UK including London, Bath and Glasgow to name a few. Windowless rooms are often requested as they are cheaper and convenient for occupiers adjusting to time differences as a result of long-distance air travel.

The community hall is located on the ground floor of the former Baptist Chapel. The intention is to use the hall as an enhanced community facility for use by the general public, amenity groups, churches etc. It offers flexible floor space for up to 100 people with a kitchen, back of house/prep area and storage.

A full pack of planning documents is available in the data room.





OXFORD CITY CENTRE CONSENTED DEVELOPMENT SITE

PROPOSED FLOOR PLANS





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PROPOSED FLOOR PLANS





TENURE

Long Leasehold on terms to be agreed.



DEVELOPMENT COMMENTARY

HOTEL

The existing planning permission is for a 130-key hotel and ancillary community facility venue. The University of Oxford colleges, parks, museums, libraries and halls are part of the unique draw of the city. It is estimated that over 8 million tourists visit each year and spend £574 million. Oxford consistently ranks amongst the top 10 most visited cities in the UK.

The Oxford city hotel sub-market is made up of 61 properties with 3,496 bedrooms. The market mainly provides a 3-star (31%) and 4-star (28%) offering, followed by 2-star (16%), budget (11%), 5-star (7%), hostels (5%) and serviced apartments (2%).

The former Boswells department store has recently been converted into a 101-key hotel called The Store with ground floor restaurant, bar and co-working space.



'15% of Oxford's visitors stay in the city or surrounding area, making it undersupplied in terms of hotel rooms, meeting only one third of visitor demand'

PBSA

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

University of Oxford (UoO) is ranked 1st in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2025. UoO is widely recognised as one of the most prestigious in the world. It is very competitive and typically receives more than 22,000 applications for around 3,200 graduate places, meaning the University receives on average more than 7 applications for each available place.

According to the latest HESA statistics (2022/23) the University has 20,955 full time students, with 7,945 (38%) from overseas, suggesting there is higher than average demand for purpose-built student accommodation (PBSA). The average proportion of overseas students enrolled at HE institutions across the UK is 30% (HESA 2022/23). International students tend to prefer living in private PBSA with the most high-end schemes aimed at this demographic who will pay more to live in top quality accommodation.

UoO's international students come to Oxford from more than 150 countries and territories. The University, including the colleges and Oxford University Press, is the largest employer in Oxfordshire, supporting more than 30,000 jobs in the county and injecting more than £2.3bn annually into the regional economy.





OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY

Oxford Brookes University (OBU) is ranked 50th in the Times Good University Guide 2025, up 11 places from the previous year. It provides innovative courses with an emphasis on exceptional hands-on learning opportunities as well as theory. Staff at the university have received 11 National Teaching Fellowship awards for outstanding teaching. OBU has invested £220m in its estate between 2015 and 2025, resulting in award-winning facilities.

According to the latest HESA statistics (2022/23), the University has 15,375 full time students, with 3,455 from overseas (22%). OBU has ten halls of residence offering c. 3,100 beds across Oxford. Nomination agreements are in place at seven halls of residence to provide an additional circa 1,750 beds, with providers such as Unite, Host and A2Dominion.







SHORTFALL OF PBSA

INSTITUTION	FULL TIME STUDENTS (HESA 2022/23)	APPROX. NO. OF BEDS AVAILABLE	TOTAL SHORTFALL	% SHORTFALL
University of Oxford	20,955	15,500	5,455	26%
Oxford Brookes	15,375	6,590*	8,785	57%
Total	36,330	22,090	14,240	39%

^{*}includes all private direct let beds

The above table indicates that Oxford Brookes has a significant shortfall of available PBSA in relation to full time students. Interestingly, whilst University of Oxford could be seen to be providing sufficient accommodation in comparison to other universities, UoO aims to provide accommodation to its undergraduates for all three years of study and is aiming to provide graduate accommodation for as many postgraduate students as possible.

The collegiate structure means that many students are housed in colleges, but there is demand for additional beds within the city centre, especially for satellite sites close to college campuses in order to fulfill its accommodation objectives.

PBSA RENTS IN OXFORD 2025/26

PRIVATE HALLS	NO. OF BEDS	ENSUITE RENT PER WEEK	STUDIO RENT PER WEEK	FLATS RENT PER WEEK	NO. OF WEEKS
The Spireworks (Aparto)	137		£389 - £440	£285pp (twin) £460 (1 bed)	51
The Park (Almero)	350	£192 - £240	£333 - £356		44/51
Alice House (iQ)	140		£351 - £410		51
Student Castle	515	£254 - £300	£320 - £370	£250pp (2 bed studio)	45/51
West Way Square (Prestige)	261		£275 - £375	£460 (1 bed) £565 (2 bed)	44/51













OXFORD CITY CENTRE CONSENTED DEVELOPMENT SITE

RESIDENTIAL

Oxford experiences strong residential demand due to its reputation across local and international markets. This is across all tenures (private sale, private rented, affordable and social housing). The nature of the economy in Oxford reflects demand from academic / research staff. The University and its funders, such as L&G, are bringing forward this type of accommodation for short and medium term lets.

There are no **new build homes** currently listed for sale within the city centre (Rightmove). The most recent development of open market residential was Bridges Cross which completed in 2023 and all apartments have been sold. In the foreseeable future, the largest scheme expected to come forward is Oxpens, a mixed use commercial and residential site set to provide 230 homes.

The **Build to Rent** sector has seen significant investment, reaching £4.1bn in 2024. Renters are attracted to the professional management and high quality of product, which is ideal for cities attracting top tier workers such as London, Oxford and Cambridge. Oxford remains a target location for many BTR investors. The only BTR scheme under construction is for 150 apartments to the west of the city centre at West Way Square in Botley.

Oxford is an excellent prospect for the **co-living** sector. These schemes combine personal and shared amenity space in city centre locations with flexible lease terms, all-inclusive billing, social spaces and a strong sense of community. Co-living provides higher returns per square foot compared to typical residential models and operates in large cities.

'Residential values in Oxford have reached £750 - £800 per sq ft in the city centre'



OWNER OCCUPIER

Oxford is home to a large number of owner-occupied institutions as a university city and centre for scientific research. Given the proximity to University of Oxford colleges, there is scope to develop the site for additional college accommodation, for example communal amenity, offices, educational space or meeting hall/auditorium.

As a self-contained property, it could suit an owner occupier as a hub for rolling out research, educational, charitable or collaborative space. Oxford has seen a number of investments in recent years including the Ellison Foundation, the Schwarzman Centre, the Reuben Foundation and the Said Business School.







DEVELOPMENT RATIONALE



Opportunity to purchase a prime Oxford city centre development site which already has planning for a 130-key hotel plus ancillary community facility venue.



Real opportunity for an owner occupier to create a purpose-built hub for their operations or as an annexe to a University of Oxford college.



A site with vacant possession in the city centre is rare to the globally sought after Oxford market



Due to the detailed planning work already undertaken, any heritage concerns have already been covered off with the LPA.



Potential for a variety of alternative uses including student accommodation, co-living, BTR, open market residential, charitable or educational (subject to planning).



Scope to work in partnership with the vendor to structure a long leasehold interest that works for both parties.



FURTHER INFORMATION

EPC RATINGS

EPCs are available within the data room. The buildings have the following ratings:

Building	EPC Rating
Main Building, The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Centre	F-137
Outbuilding 1, The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Centre	G-170
Outbuilding 2, The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Centre	G-165

VAT

The property is not elected for VAT.

DATA ROOM

Data room access is available for registration here: https://littlegateoxford.com





PROPOSAL

We are instructed to seek offers on an unconditional basis for the long leasehold interest on terms to agreed. Proposals with shorter lease terms would be welcomed by the vendor.

Consideration will be given to conditional and/or freehold proposals.

We invite parties to put forward proposals on the basis of:

i) a long leasehold premium without ground rent, and:

ii) a long leasehold premium with ground rent.

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