**Job Description**

This form is used to provide a complete description of the specific job and defines the required skills, knowledge, behaviours, qualifications and experience.

# Section A: Job Profile

The job profile provides key information relating to the salary and working conditions e.g. location of a job, along with the current focus of the role and a brief description of the main duties.

## Job Details

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| Job Title: | Senior Planning Officer |
| Salary: | £43,421 - £50,512 |
| Grade: | 12 -13 |
| Hours: | 37 |
| Team: | Development Management |
| Service Area: | Strategic Planning |
| Primary Location: | County Hall |
| Budget responsibility: | N/A |
| Responsible to: | Development Management Team Leader |
| Responsible for: | N/A |

## Job Purpose

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| As part of the council’s Development Management team, responsible for processing planning applications for the council’s own infrastructure developments and minerals extraction and waste management and related pre-application engagement including preparation of Screening and Scoping Opinions . To provide guidance, advice and support, as a professional specialist, to contribute to a high-quality service that delivers value for money for its customers in line with legislative requirements and the council’s policies and practices. |

## Job Responsibilities

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| Provide specialist professional planning service delivery in line with legislation and the council’s policies and practices.  Process planning applications and related requests for the council’s own major highway infrastructure developments as well as minerals and waste planning and related applications (including review of old mineral permissions) in line with development plan policy, national policy and planning guidance and other material considerations.  Provide advice in relation to the planning process including advice at and consequent to pre-application meetings.  Liaise with monitoring and enforcement team and site operators to ensure compliance with planning requirements.  Where necessary prepare written statements and proofs of evidence for appeals and give evidence at planning hearings and public inquiries.  Liaise, consult, negotiate and correspond with councillors, officers, developers, agents, landowners, government agencies, statutory consultees and the general public.  Write reports and present to the council’s Planning and Regulation Committee.  Work with internal and external partners such as district and parish councils, the Environment Agency, DEFRA, Natural England and the Council’s legal unit.  Represent the council at public liaison meetings as required.  Undertake site visits to assess proposals, investigate planning issues and attend meetings.  Ensure an up to date familiarity and understanding of the legislative basis and practice of planning law.  Any other duties and related activities to support the smooth working of the Development Management team.  Assist in promoting and managing a positive and proactive Health & Safety culture to ensure Health and Safety is embedded into everyday working and legislative requirements are met. |

# Section B: Selection Criteria

This section provides a list of essential and desirable criteria that detail the skills, knowledge, behaviours, qualifications and experience that a candidate should have in order to perform the job. The selection criteria provide a list of essential (no more than 8-10) and desirable criteria (no more than 4). The criteria are aligned to our [corporate values](https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/about-your-council/working-oxfordshire-county-council/county-council-values).

Each of the criteria listed below will be measured through; the application form (A), a test / exercise (T), an interview (I), a presentation (P) or documentation (D).

You must provide a supporting statement as part of your application which includes examples and evidence of when you have demonstrated the criteria listed below. You will be expected to address each point separately and, in the order, listed. If you do not complete a full supporting statement in the requested format your application may be rejected.

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| Essential Criteria | Assessed By: |
| **For G13 post; G12 plus;** |  |
| Substantial experience (at least five years and at a senior planning officer level) working within Planning Development Management, working with minimal supervision. | A and I |
| A professional qualification in Town and Country Planning and licentiate membership of Royal Town Planning Institute. | A and D |
| Experience of leading on significantly complex, controversial County planning applications (for example for large new quarries, waste management facilities and/or infrastructure schemes) accompanied by Environmental Impact Assessments | A and I |
| Experience of presenting at Public Inquiries | A and I |
| **For G12 post:** |  |
| Degree or equivalent qualification in Town and Country Planning or related discipline. | A and D |
| Significant experience (at least three years) working within the specified area of expertise. | A, D and I |
| Knowledge of and ability to understand planning legislation and regulations and interpretation of maps and plans | A, D and I |
| Ability to work to deadlines producing clear and concise, grammatically correct reports, balancing a case load with competing deadlines. | A, I and T |
| Experience of processing planning applications for major highway infrastructure developments. | A and I |
| Ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with all stakeholders including councillors, officers, developers, agents, landowners, government agencies, statutory consultees and the general public. | A, I and T |
| Ability to work efficiently both independently and as part of a team both inside and away from the office. | A and I |
| The ability to drive and the possession of a current driving licence, or ability to demonstrate an effective means of travel to remote areas of the county to attend site visits and meetings, including some out-of-hours community liaison meetings. | A, D and I |
| Desirable Criteria | Assessed By: |
| Previous experience of working at a similar level in Local Government. | A and I |
| Experience of using MasterGov or similar back-office planning system | A and I |
| Ability to use Microsoft Office suite | A and I |
| Experience of working in a planning department/service area in a County or Unitary Council. | A and I |

# Section C: Pre-employment Checks

All appointments are subject to standard pre-employment screening. This will include identity, references, proof of right to work in the UK, medical clearance and verification of certificates. Further information can be found here [Pre-employment checks](https://www2.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/support-attending-interviews)

Additional pre employment checks specific to this role include: N/A

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|  | Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check with Children’s and Adults Barred List |  | Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check without [an Adult/Children’s barred list check](https://intranet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/safer-recruitment-and-disclosure-and-barring-service-checks#enhanced-dbs-check-without-an-adult-childrens-barred-list-check) |
|  | Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check with Children’s Barred List |  | Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check with Adults Barred List |
|  | Standard Disclosure and Barring Service check |  | Basic Disclosure |
|  | Disqualification for Caring for Children (Education) |  | Overseas Criminal Record Checks |
|  | Prohibition from Teaching |  | Professional Registration |
|  | Non police personnel vetting |  | Disqualification from Caring |
|  | Other (please specify): |  |  |

# Section D: Working Conditions

This is a guide to the working conditions and the potential hazards and risks that may be faced by the post-holder.

## Health and Safety at Work

You are responsible for your own health, safety and wellbeing, and undertaking health and safety duties and responsibilities for your role as specified within Oxfordshire County Councils Health and Safety Policy.

The potential significant hazard(s) and risk(s) for this job are identified below (those ticked).

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|  | Provision of personal care on a regular basis |  | Driving HGV or LGV for work |
|  | Regular manual handling (which includes assisting, manoeuvring, pushing and pulling) of people (including pupils) or objects |  | Any other frequent driving or prolonged driving at work activities (e.g. long journeys driving own private vehicle or OCC vehicle for work purposes) |
|  | Working at height/ using ladders on a regular/ repetitive basis |  | Restricted postural change – prolonged sitting |
|  | Lone working on a regular basis |  | Restricted postural change – prolonged standing |
|  | Night work |  | Regular/repetitive bending/ squatting/ kneeling/crouching |
|  | Rotating shift work |  | Manual cleaning/ domestic duties |
|  | Working on/ or near a road |  | Regular work outdoors |
|  | Significant use of computers (display screen equipment) |  | Work with vulnerable children or vulnerable adults |
|  | Undertaking repetitive tasks |  | Working with challenging behaviours |
|  | Continual telephone use (call centres) |  | Regular work with skin irritants/ allergens |
|  | Work requiring hearing protection (exposure to noise above action levels) |  | Regular work with respiratory irritants/ allergens (exposure to dust, fumes, chemicals, fibres) |
|  | Work requiring respirators or masks |  | Work with vibrating tools/ machinery |
|  | Work involving food handling |  | Work with waste, refuse |
|  | Potential exposure to blood or bodily fluids |  | Face-to-face contact with members of the public |
|  | Other (please specify): |  |  |