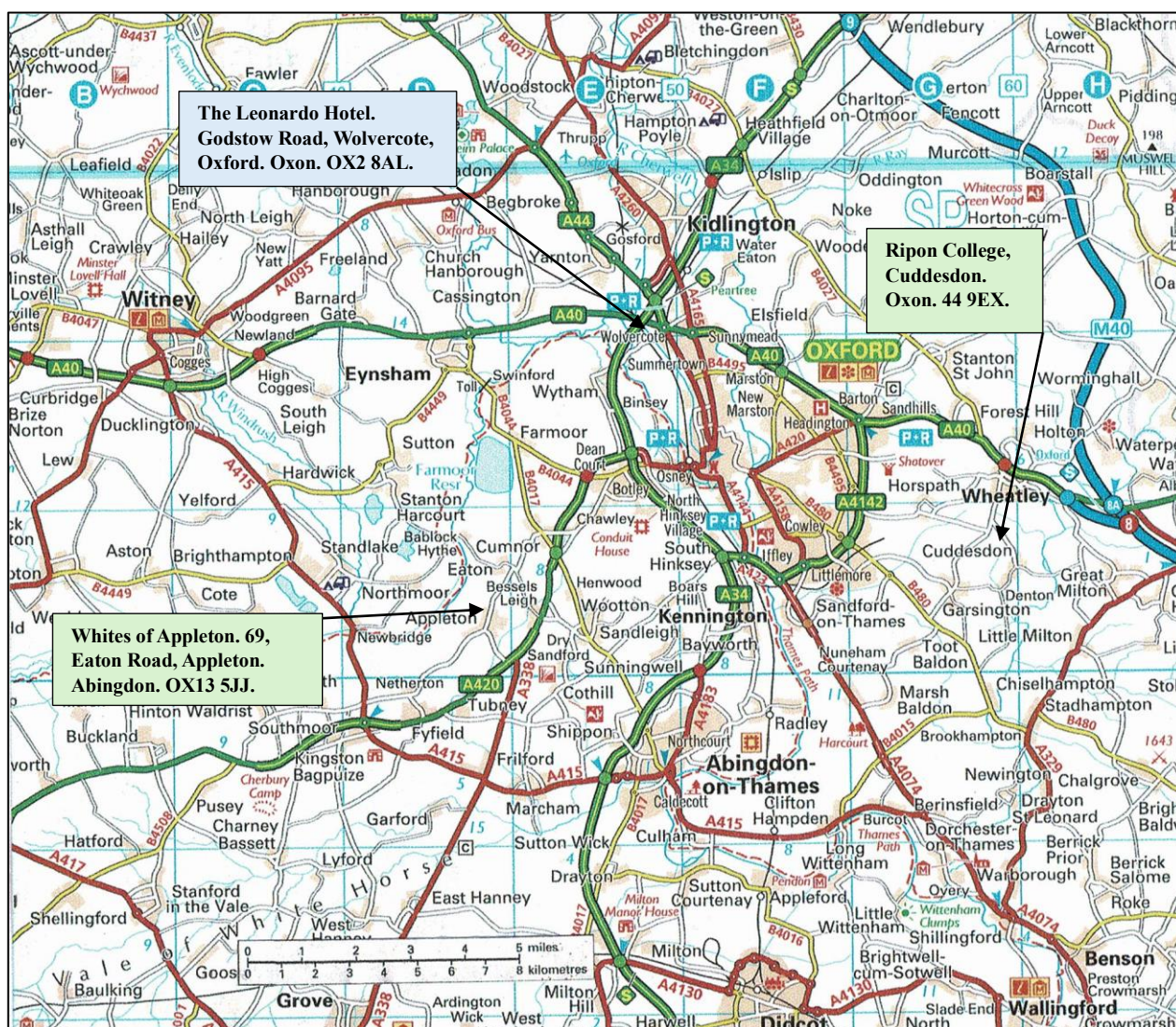


EASA SPRING CONFERENCE 2025: OXFORD

LOCATION PLAN AND DIRECTIONS TO THE LEONARDO HOTEL

AND VISITS OUTSIDE OXFORD DURING THE CONFERENCE

Godstow Road, Wolvercote, Oxford. Oxon. OX2 8AL



Directions to the Hotel for those coming by Car:

Oxford City Council operates a central Low Emission Zone with tolls attached, so please be aware of this and avoid the central Oxford area! For those who have local knowledge you may be able to work around this zone. For those who do not, then the use of the perimeter roads and the by-pass around Oxford is the best way to the hotel. Be aware that these roads are congested with heavy traffic and queues at peak times, so allow plenty of time for your journey.

Coming from the Birmingham direction using the M40 come off at Junction 9, for Bicester and Oxford and then take the A34 south to the Peartree turn off. At the roundabout at the end of the slip road take the second exit for Oxford and the A44 Woodstock Road. This is a dual carriageway, which you follow for about ¾ mile, keeping in the outside lane as you approach the Wolvercote Roundabout. Continue round the roundabout, keeping on the lanes marked A40(W) noting the traffic lights and eventually take the 4th exit, which is Godstow Road with a 20mph speed restriction.. Then almost immediately the hotel entrance drive is found on the righthand side at the end of a long high hedge that hides the hotel.

Pull into the car park and take a ticket from the machine/barrier before parking in the extensive car park to your right. (NB there are disable parking spaces on your left as you drive in.) The hotel has no EV charging. The nearest charging point is the BP garage off the Wolvercote Roundabout, see the booking form for full details of this and how to register your car for parking.

Directions to the Hotel for those coming by Car Continued:

Coming from the London direction on the M40 come off at Junction 9, signed “*Newbury, Oxford A34 and Bicester A41*”, join the A34 and follow the above directions down to the Peartree Roundabout and thence to the hotel.

If you are coming up from the south/west on the A34 from the M4/Didcot, the A420, or the A40 from Witney, pick up the Western Bypass, which is the A34, and circulate to the Peartree Roundabout, taking the slip road signed for “*Ring Road, Oxford, Evesham A44*”. Keep in the right hand lane as you drop down to the roundabout and ignore the left hand lanes. Go around the roundabout to the fourth exit, signed “*Ring Road, London Cheltenham (A40) Oxford A44*” following the “*A44(W)*” road markings, and then take this unmarked road (Godstow Road) and follow the instructions above.

It may be prudent to carry out a Google Street View exercise to see how this and the final few yards of the above instructions work. Please note that the hotel car park is often quite busy, but there are plenty of spaces particularly early in the day.

Directions to the Hotel for those coming by train:

Chiltern, CrossCountry and Great Western Trains service the two stations in Oxford, namely Oxford Station and Oxford Parkway. Both stations are some way from the hotel. There is a reasonable bus service from Oxford Station, from where an S3 bus to Charlbury picks up at the Railway Station Stop R5, which you take to the First Turn stop. This takes about 15 minutes; from there it is a seven minute walk to the hotel.

There is also an S1 bus, which picks up at Frideswide Square about a three minute walk from the railway station. Three stops later get off at The Radcliffe Observatory stop and pick up a No 6 bus for Lower Wolvercote, Papermill Square. After eleven stops this bus turns into Mere Road where you get off almost outside the hotel’s entrance.

Although Oxford Parkway Station is nearer the hotel the buses are not so conveniently arranged with at best an 18 minute walk from the nearest stop, so a taxi may be the best mode of transport.

On the Booking Form we have asked if car driving members could help to pick up members from both stations on the Wednesday afternoon and the Thursday morning, (by ticking the appropriate boxes) so hopefully we may be able to help in this way, otherwise I suggest that a taxi (fare about £12.00) would be best.

At the end of the conference it is planned to run the coach or coaches back from Oxford City Centre to Oxford Railway Station, then drop members off at the hotel before taking the remaining rail travellers straight on to Oxford Parkway. So would all rail travellers please fill in the appropriate boxes on the Booking Form to lodge your interest in getting to each station so we can assess the need and the coach or coaches required.

Travel during the Conference:

From the Preliminary Programme you will see that we will use a coach or coaches, depending on numbers and accessibility, to get into and out of Oxford on Thursday and Saturday, but we will be walking between drop off and pick up points so sensible shoes are required. The Friday visits will involve coach travel all day directly to the venues.

A detailed street map of central Oxford with all the churches and venues where visits are planned will be included in the Delegate Packs. This will include the routes we will take and any other local instructions. However, while you will be responsible for your own safety at all times, please be aware that central Oxford is busy with tourists, who may not be as aware of where they are as I hope you will be. Also, at various drop off/pick up points we will have to cross main roads as we disembark or embark from the coach or coaches, so please follow your Group Leaders and Sheep Dogs instructions to avoid accidents.

I hope the above helps in getting to the hotel.

Andrew Wood.

EASA Hon. Meetings Secretary.