

OXFORDSHIRE PARTNERSHIP – 25 NOVEMBER 2009

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 3 (2011 – 2030)

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this paper is to inform the Oxfordshire Partnership of the progress being made in the development of the County's third Local Transport Plan (LTP3).

Background

Oxfordshire County Council is required to produce a LTP by April 2011 in order to meet the requirements of the Transport Act 2000 (amended by the Local Transport Act 2008). The third LTP will be a document that will help shape Oxfordshire for the long term, with a 20 year horizon rather than 5 years as in previous LTPs. This will bring it in line with the Sustainable Community Strategy, 'Oxfordshire 2030', and give some headroom beyond the 2026 regional planning horizon.

The plan will focus on attracting and supporting economic investment and growth and delivering transport infrastructure and services to tackle congestion and improve quality of life, in addition to responding to the council's strategic objectives of the economy, community, climate change and reducing deprivation.

Consultation/Key Milestones

The current timetable for consultation on LTP3 is:

Consultation 1: Plan Objectives (To inform whether we have the right objectives for the plan)	27 July – 4 Sept 2009 COMPLETED
Consultation 2: Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report (A technical report setting out how the SEA for LTP3 will be undertaken)	27 July – 21 Aug 2009 COMPLETED
Consultation 3: Long list of schemes (To propose a list of transport schemes to be considered for inclusion in the plan)	23 rd November – 18 th December 2009
Consultation 4: Policies (To comment on each of the policies which will be developed for inclusion in the plan)	January – February 2010
Consultation 5: Scenarios (To comment on a number of combinations of varying levels of investment in different types of intervention)	January – February 2010
Consultation 6: Prioritised list of schemes (To comment on the draft programme of schemes for inclusion in the plan)	March – April 2010
Consultation 7: Draft Local Transport Plan (To comment on the whole draft plan)	July – October 2010

Please note - these dates are subject to change

Progress To Date

A report (and subsequent addendum) was submitted to Cabinet on 15th September, setting Out the results of consultation on a draft set of Plan objectives and on the Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report.

Cabinet considered the revised set of Plan objectives that were recommended by officers and agreed that they should be:

- Improve the condition of local roads, footways and cycleways, including resilience to climate change;
- Reduce congestion;
- Reduce casualties and the dangers associated with travel ;
- Improve accessibility to work, education and services;
- Secure infrastructure and services to support development;
- Reduce carbon emissions from transport;
- Improve air quality, reduce other environmental impacts and enhance the street environment;
- Develop and increase the use of high quality, welcoming public transport;
- Develop and increase cycling and walking for local journeys, recreation and health.

Cabinet also agreed a prioritisation of the objectives for each of the four settlements types that will be considered in the Plan. The settlement types are:

- Oxford City;
- Large Towns (Banbury, Bicester, Witney, Abingdon, Didcot, Wantage and Grove);
- Market Towns (Chipping Norton, Kidlington, Carterton, Faringdon, Wallingford, Henley-on-Thames, Chinnor and Thame);
- Rural Oxfordshire.

Officers in the Transport service are currently developing draft policies which will be consulted on in the New Year. These policies will cover areas ranging from road safety to parking, network management to air travel.

Further information on the Local Transport Plan can be found at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ltp. The project team can be contacted at localtransportplan@oxfordshire.gov.uk or on 01865 815546/815659.

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