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General Update

1. LTP Goals, Objectives & Policies have been now been agreed, to be taken forward into the main consultation on the draft Plan in the autumn.
2. Consultation Stage 5 (of 6) now reached, covering Scenarios (approaches to transport to guide investment in the longer term to 2030). This Stakeholder consultation runs from 10 May to 20 June. An example of the approach is shown below; a full consultation document outlining each of the three potential scenarios for the four settlement types (Oxford, larger towns, smaller towns and rural Oxfordshire) can be circulated once it has been finalised (early May).

OPTIONS FOR OXFORD

The top priorities for improving transport in Oxford are:

- **reducing congestion,**
- **increasing the quality and use of public transport, and**
- **Increasing cycling and walking for local journeys, recreation & health.**

Three options for improving transport in Oxford have been developed. We have called these scenarios:

*A - "Promoting Walking & Cycling",
B - "Increasing Transport Choice", and
C - "Promoting Public Transport".*

Links to other projects

The County Council is working on proposals to improve conditions on the approaches to the city as part of its Access to Oxford package; there will be consultation on this later in the year. We are also working with the bus companies to improve bus services across the city while reducing bus traffic and emissions in the city centre and with Network Rail to improve Oxford Rail Station. Chiltern Railways also have plans for an Oxford-London Marylebone direct rail service which include a new rail station at Water Eaton.

What each Scenario would typically include (types of, rather than specific, schemes)

Assessment of Impacts (against strategic & environmental indicators)

Issues for SPIP

- **Managing expectations.** It is highly likely that the funds available to the Council during the early part of the Plan will be very tight and that only limited progress will be able to be made towards meeting transport goals in the first five years, or perhaps even longer. However, even if we can only implement a small number of schemes ourselves in that time, it is important we get Scenarios right, as the choice of approach will guide us in other ways - such as how we plan and fund infrastructure and services to support development.
- **How the Local Transport Plan reflects the Local Investment Plan** – Scenarios identify where main (although not exclusive) focus would be but not individual schemes: otherwise it can compromise the LTP Strategic Environmental Assessment Process if it appears that it has already been decided what schemes the Plan should include. However, LIP priorities will be picked up as part of full public consultation on the draft Plan, including details on some of the more advanced specific schemes, for example Access to Oxford. The outcomes of LTP consultation will then inform LIP development.