



## **Oxfordshire 2030: A partnership plan for improving quality of life in Oxfordshire**

**Results of consultation  
7<sup>th</sup> July 2008 – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### **1. Introduction**

This report contains information about consultation on Oxfordshire 2030 – the draft Sustainable Community Strategy for Oxfordshire, which took place for 12 weeks from 7<sup>th</sup> July 2008 to 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008. The objectives of the consultation were to seek views on Oxfordshire 2030.

#### **2. Action undertaken during the consultation period**

The consultation was promoted via the Oxfordshire Partnership website, the district and Local Strategic Partnership websites, local press and radio, county networks and partner organisations.

#### **3. Consultation respondents**

A total of 67 responses were received from individuals and organisations via consultation surveys and written responses.

#### **4. Consultation findings**

Findings from the consultation showed that respondents were broadly supportive of the strategy's vision, objectives and priorities however:

- Minor changes were proposed to the text, language, and design to improve clarity.
- Additions to the text were proposed on issues respondents felt were either not included or considered insufficiently clear
- Clarification of how respondents could get involved in the work of the partnership

#### **5. Approach to amendments**

Given the volume and nature of the consultation responses we have used the following principles in amending the strategy;

- Oxfordshire 2030 is a long term strategy with a clear vision for the future
- Oxfordshire 2030 is a countywide strategy which acknowledges the different communities in the county but does not contain localised issues. These are more appropriate to be covered in district sustainable community strategies. Such comments have been forwarded to district partnerships to consider.
- The strategy and delivery plan concentrate on priorities for partnership action. It does not attempt to list the wide range of existing action

underway by partner organisations that contribute to achievement of our goals.

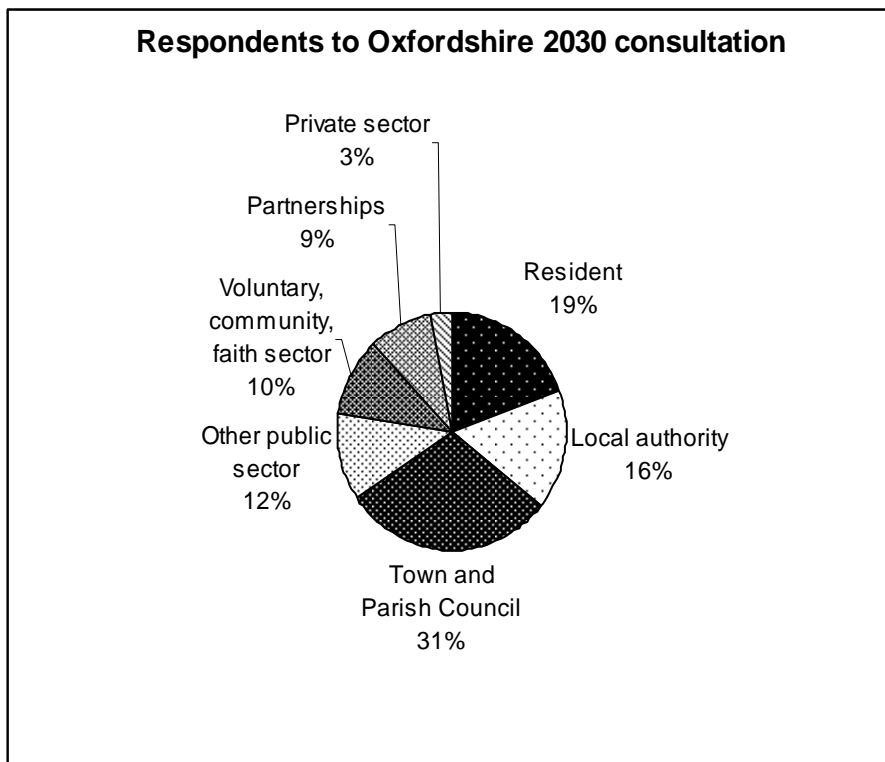
## **6. Consultation outcomes**

The results of this consultation were presented to the Oxfordshire Partnership Board in October. The draft strategy was then revised in the light of feedback.

## **7. Next steps**

The Partnership will agree Oxfordshire 2030 at its meeting in November 2008.

**Summary of consultation respondents**



<b>Type of respondent</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Town and Parish Council	31
Resident	19
Local authority	16
Other public sector	12
Voluntary, community, faith sector	10
Partnerships	9
Private sector	3

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<b>Identifying the priorities</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All the main themes are of equal value, but the most serious weaknesses seem to be in educational achievement, access to open market housing and unacceptable levels of social deprivation in parts of the county.</li> <li>I think the objectives could be stronger on reducing crime, especially on tackling the problem of trade in illicit drugs, on proving adequate healthcare, particularly for mental health and on consultation in more deprived communities based on regeneration and upgrading the image and appeal of these areas.</li> <li>I was surprised that the mental health trust and the hospital trusts do not seem to be members of the partnership.</li> </ul>	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One of the Partnerships pledges is to “ensure that educational attainment and skills levels are amongst the very best in the country”. We recognise that educational attainment in our schools is a cause for concern with performance not as strong as in comparable areas of the country. This priority is reflected in our LAA targets, of which there are a number on educational achievement.</li> <li>We recognise that there are pockets of deprivation within Oxfordshire and our key areas for attention will include focusing attention on the localities in greatest need to make a real difference.</li> <li>Please see the delivery plan for the detail on reducing crime.</li> <li>Membership – The Chairman of the Primary Care Trust is represented on the partnership and the Joint Director of Public Health attends as appropriate. The Partnership reviews its membership on an annual basis.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cultural issues insufficiently stressed</li> </ul>	Voluntary, community or faith sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have aimed to strengthen this within the strategy and recognise that cultural issues contribute to a distinctive identity and a sense of belonging.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The economy should be one of the top priorities for Oxfordshire.</li> </ul>	District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One of the key strategic objectives for the</li> </ul>

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<p>While I agree we should look to retain our high technology base, this only represents 10% of economy. We should also be looking at ways we can ensure all parts of the economy are safeguarded. Not everyone within Oxfordshire works for a high technology company and indeed has the skills to do so. We should also be looking to include these people as well.</p>	<p>Council</p>	<p>Partnership is “A World Class Economy”. The Partnership recognises the importance of ensuring all parts of the economy are safeguarded and pledges to create the conditions for everyone to have access to jobs. The Partnership will be working closely with the Oxfordshire Economic Partnership in taking this work forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is an issue which the districts will also address within their sustainable community strategies.</li> <li>• There is also the work that the Oxfordshire Town Chambers Network carries out which focuses on market towns.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White Collar Crime is the main issue facing our community. Senior members of companies, banks, and financial institutions impoverish and cheat our citizens with impunity.</li> </ul>	<p>Resident</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The analysis of the available evidence and data did not identify this as a priority concern for Oxfordshire</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The engagement of older people and people with learning disabilities with this plan.</li> <li>• Supported housing for young people 19-40 with learning disabilities.</li> <li>• Reconsider the bus routes for Oxford and have cross or round city routes subsidised, e.g. how does an old person in Marston without a car get to pick up a letter from the mail centre at Blackbird Leys at present?</li> </ul>	<p>District Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will continue to engage and work with a range of groups in delivering Oxfordshire 2030.</li> <li>• In our LAA2 there is a target on independent living for vulnerable people which includes this group</li> <li>• Road traffic has grown rapidly in Oxfordshire. The County Council, in partnership with Network Rail and the Highways Agency is promoting a package of measures called “Access to Oxford” designed to ease</li> </ul>

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		congestion around the County. The Public transport team within the County Council are also working to address this.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oxfordshire’s population is ageing, particularly the very elderly population. I don’t think enough priority is given to this. The strategy needs to recognise specialist housing for older people (not just younger first time buyers).</li> </ul>	District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Partnership recognises that the one of the key areas of change facing us is the ageing of our population and this is a key priority for the partnership. One of the key longer term objectives is to improve the range and availability of extra care housing to support older people to live at home.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improvements to the public transport service and infrastructure - especially considering the 5,000 extra house to be built in Didcot.</li> </ul>	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work is currently underway to plan for the future needs of Didcot – e.g. the Quadrant working group and future Didcot.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The disparity between middle class families whose children are well educated (either privately or in the state system)&amp; those families who don’t/wont/cant support their children throughout school &amp; on to college.</li> <li>Public transport from Faringdon is abismal. It’s difficult to cross the A420 on foot/horseback/bike so limits the ability to enjoy the surrounding countryside.</li> </ul>	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is not an issue that is Oxfordshire specific – both the Universities in Oxford are working to widen access to further education.</li> <li>We are aware that this has been raised as part of Faringdon’s healthcheck review and Shrevenham’s parish plan and we can confirm that colleagues in the county council are looking at this.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the village (in South Oxfordshire) where I live: maintaining sustainable local services including shops, post office and public transport. In the city (where I work): working with the two universities to make the city centre a pleasant place to be and balancing the needs of residents, students, workers and visitors more effectively.</li> <li>Oxford University and Oxford Brookes have a massive influence</li> </ul>	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This issue is reflected within the strategy and one of the Partnership’s key pledges is to work to sustain local services particularly in rural communities – There are some excellent examples of community self-help in retaining some no longer commercially viable services, e.g. community shops and transport</li> </ul>

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<p>on the cityscape yet they are barely mentioned in the text.</p>		<p>facilities throughout the County.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Both Oxford and Oxford Brookes University are members of the partnership and play a key role in the countywide partnership.</li> <li>Oxford City LSP will have a specific focus on the City Centre within their sustainable community strategy. Please see their website for further information <a href="http://www.oxfordpartnership.org.uk">www.oxfordpartnership.org.uk</a></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The emphasis should not necessarily be on economic growth as that in itself will reach a stage where it encroaches on the quality of life through over population. People live in Oxfordshire because of quality of life and bring wealth to the community although they probably work in London. We must maintain the countryside with minimal encroachment.</li> </ul>	<p>Voluntary, community or faith sector</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The partnership wishes to achieve a sustainable balance between jobs, housing and the environment. Oxfordshire is the most rural county in the South East and its pleasant rural landscape, the high quality of its built environment and culture make it a place where businesses want to operate and people want to live and work. The Partnership aims to have a balance between economic growth and the environment.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children’s education. Parents should invest in children and should play important role to follow-up their education. My Bangladeshi community has always been given less priority on education. The draft should indicate how to involve BME communities to act as a strong partner alongside mainstream community.</li> </ul>	<p>Voluntary, community or faith sector</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A key issue is to raise educational achievement and skills levels. We want to raise educational achievement for all but there is a particular need to address the achievement of some Black and Minority ethnic communities</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The draft is written from a town perspective. There is a need to protect the way of life of villages.</li> </ul>	<p>Parish Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The countywide strategy addresses the key issues facing Oxfordshire as a whole. We want our towns, neighbourhoods and villages</li> </ul>

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		<p>to be communities with a heart and the partnership pledges to work to sustain local services particularly in rural communities. Each of the districts has their own sustainable community strategies which provide the strategic vision for that place, identify shared priorities for actions and set out how these actions will be progressed.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Buckland Parish is small (350 residents) and rural. We are an active community with a wide age range - over 100 children, community minded parents and elderly, an active church. 3 years ago because of a loophole in planning law we lost our playing field - it was returned to agricultural use and therefore did not require change of use which would have been refused on the grounds of loss of public open space. The cricket club had to close after 175 years in existence; the football club and the social club too, both having existed for nearly 100 years. We now have no playing field nor has the school adequate open space. We have completed a Parish Plan with the welcome support of the RCC and have made our feelings known about this.</li> </ul>	<p>Parish Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We suggest you contact the Oxfordshire Playing Field Association about playing field provision. The Vale of White Horse District Council may also be able to offer advice as your local planning authority responsible for developing and reviewing the Local Development Framework in consultation with local communities.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was an undertaking to have the “Oxfordshire 2030” document amended to reflect our service needs and the contribution that we make to the community. I am sure that this is appropriate, as currently we do not believe that the Partnership document fully captures Service views.</li> <li>The key issue with the “Oxfordshire 2030” document is the acknowledgement of the unique nature of servicemen and their families’ needs. We think of ourselves as robust, fit, youthful</li> </ul>	<p>Ministry of Defence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This has been reflected in one of the partnerships pledges to ‘work with local people and the voluntary, community and faith sectors and the military to sustain and build cohesive, resilient and well planned communities’.</li> <li>We recognise the important contribution the military makes to life in Oxfordshire and the</li> </ul>

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<p>communities but the reality of regular moves and separation during operations means that family lives are turbulent and our community is vulnerable. We are doing what we can with our resources to improve the lives of our people, but we recognise that we cannot achieve this through military means alone, so <b>partnerships</b> are essential. We aim to be fully integrated with civil communities and to be economically active, with employment opportunities working both ways. The sort of measures which are captured in the Government’s paper and which we believe should be reflected in the Oxfordshire Partnership are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring that our families are not disadvantaged on NHS medical and dental waiting lists.</li> <li>• Increasing access to social housing and home ownership through shared equity schemes.</li> <li>• Ensuring that our service children have the same access to education opportunities as any other UK child, particularly provision for out of year school placements.</li> <li>• The transfer of Special Educational Needs statements on posting into the county.</li> <li>• The examination of relative attainment levels of our children, in order to ensure they are not being disadvantaged.</li> </ul>		<p>Partnership will be working with key services providers to ensure that these needs are met.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Necessity of a general vision statement that seeks to achieve the buy-in of all stakeholders must be fairly generic. However there is a danger of such statements, in an attempt to be all embracing, appearing as “motherhood and apple-pie”. As a</li> </ul>	<p>Town Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oxfordshire 2030 sets out a long-term vision for Oxfordshire’s future and has the support of all the key statutory agencies in the county as well as voluntary and business sector</li> </ul>

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<p>partnership document, which the District Councils have a duty to align themselves to, it might also have been expected to see the Foreword counter-signed by the District Leaders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Page 4 (Ox2030)</b> The third bullet point under “main objectives” stresses the need to promote “diversity”. It is accepted that there is a need to recognise differences where they exist but it is important also to seek to ensure that this does not become divisive.</li> </ul> <p><b>Page 6</b> - First of many occasions that is “Oxford-centric”. States that Oxford is the hub of the county” but this is not necessarily the case for people in the north of the County where many places look to Banbury as their “hub”.</p> <p><b>Understanding Oxfordshire</b> The document refers to the South East region, but Banbury has more in common with the South Midlands than the South East.</p> <p>The Council would also suggest the addition of a further bullet point within the list under the heading “Oxfordshire in context”, as the penultimate bullet point, to read: The largest market town is Banbury</p> <p><u>A Vision for the Future (Page 9)</u> If, as promoted in the vision statement, people are to be actively involved in their local communities then we should be aiming to build upon the strengths of <u>local</u> government It should be recognised that Oxfordshire is not all alike and the problems faced by Banbury are very different to those encountered in Henley.</p>		<p>endorsement. The strategy is supported by the delivery plan which sets out specific and measurable medium term priorities for the partnership to ensure that we deliver the overall vision statement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The foreword of the strategy has been amended and the district LSP chairmen are now all signatories.</li> <li>• The reference to Oxford as the sole hub of the county has been amended.</li> <li>• Within the document we recognise Oxfordshire’s strong links to London and the Midlands as well as west to the Cotswolds and the M4 corridor.</li> <li>• This is intended to be a general statement and does not specify locations.</li> <li>• The partnership recognises the diversity of Oxfordshire’s communities and there are different challenges faced in different parts of the County. We hope this is reflected in the local distinctiveness section of the strategy which describes each local authority area and the key issues they face and in district sustainable community strategies.</li> </ul>

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<p><u>Planning for Better Places to Live, Learn and Work</u> <u>Page 11</u> –</p> <p>The Town Council is also strongly opposed to the eco-town proposals. This will have major implications for the County and these will need to be addressed in this Strategy if the proposals are approved.</p> <p><u>Page 12</u> – “<b>Employment</b>” – It needs to be recognised that Banbury has lost a huge number of jobs in the manufacturing industry recently, The town will need help to attract new jobs and highly skilled workers.</p> <p><b>Traffic Congestion</b> – Draft talks about “Access to Oxford” but what about access to Banbury? As the largest market town within our economic sub-region Banbury needs its transport issues addressing too, such as bringing about a southern ring road</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The strategy will be updated to reflect any significant spatial planning issues determined by the government.</li>   <li>• We recognise the issues that Banbury faces. The district local strategic partnership: Cherwell Community Planning Partnership will be focusing on the specific issues facing Cherwell as a whole and Banbury in particular in its strategy.</li>   <li>• Point noted. The County Council, in partnership with Network Rail and the Highways Agency is promoting a package of measures which is designed to ease congestion around the county.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We were pleased to see a number of references to culture and cultural considerations throughout the document (and also the role of the voluntary and community sector being actively highlighted). In particular this seemed to reflect recognition of the "intrinsic" value of culture and the cultural sector. We wondered,</li> </ul>	<p>Museums, Libraries Archives Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have emphasised the contribution of the cultural sector.</li> </ul>

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<p>though, if the active "instrumental" and "institutional" contribution of culture, and in particular the MLA sector, could be more clearly brought out. Culture can contribute both through its intrinsic value and through its contribution to outcomes against other agendas to the 2030 vision for Oxfordshire for prosperous, healthy, cohesive communities “with a heart” (page 9).</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We must increase the educational standards of young people. This will increase their employment prospects, reduce crime, reduce dependency on benefits, help young people to become responsible parents themselves so they can teach their own children well. This helps all of us as we will all depend on the future generations at some point.</li> </ul>	District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The LAA reflects improvement targets for educational attainment</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning, and coping with inadequate (outdated) drainage and water infrastructure; flooding issues if last 3 yrs sets a pattern for the next 20,</li> <li>• Lip service only to the needs of the elderly.</li> </ul>	District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actions in relation to flooding are under consideration for the delivery plan</li> <li>• The strategy recognises the opportunities and threats of an ageing population</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are pleased to see that crime is identified as a cross-cutting theme as indeed it should be, and not as an isolated area of policy within the wider social/community agenda. If anything it would be better to incorporate the need to tackle crime and antisocial behaviour and other community safety initiatives in all of the main objectives since crime free areas impact positively on the economy of a city or town, and designing to reduce crime (for example adopting the Secured by Design award scheme) helps to improve the built environment which again has a positive impact on the quality of life in an area. Friendly and attractive safe places tend to foster strong feelings of belonging and ownership in the local population and this tends to lead to greater</li> </ul>	Thames Valley Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The strategy recognises the need for more actions on community safety and community focus</li> </ul>

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<p>respect for the environment and a reduction in environmental crime as well. Designing out crime alone is not sufficient to address crime and disorder. Police infrastructure will be needed in some areas, and this needs to be recognised within the SCS and, following the recent PPS12 requirements, cascaded through to district level spatial planning policies and development control practices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TVP are also pleased to see recognition in the “<i>Planning for Better Places to Live, Learn and Work</i>” section, of the need to ensure physical and social infrastructure are provided in the right quantities, at the right time and in the right place. This is a point that TVP have been making for a considerable time now, both locally as well as at a regional and national level. It is absolutely critical that sufficient infrastructure (including infrastructure for the Police and other emergency services) is provided so that the County can be properly policed in a way that not only provides coverage for the existing population, but which also anticipates and plans ahead to ensure that as the population grows and new development takes place, new resources and facilities are delivered in a timely fashion and in the right locations.</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic objectives (pa) appear to be in direct opposition to proposals for new town particularly (2.3)</li> <li>• Noncommittal statement re new eco town p11</li> </ul>	Parish council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The strategy will be updated to reflect any significant spatial planning issues determined by the government.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Oxfordshire Partnership should include representatives from Oxfordshire Larger Town Councils; their needs are very different</li> </ul>	Town/Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oxfordshire Partnership reviews its membership annually and will discuss this</li> </ul>

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from small Parishes and need to be taken seriously.		point with Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the priorities set out in the strategy seem about right</li> </ul>	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I think it is important to emphasise within the strategy the need to improve play opportunities for children and young people and the intergenerational use of public space in order to support thriving communities. It is also important to make it easier for more people to access the outside environment.</li> </ul>	Play Partnership and Oxfordshire Outside Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The importance of play has been included within the strategy.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A balance of employment opportunities and housing, appropriate infrastructure of facilities, integrated transport, good state schools and a thriving community.</li> </ul>	Town/Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That it is too Oxford-centric</li> <li>• That it needs to better reflect that Oxfordshire whilst part of the SE Region also borders other regions</li> <li>• The forward is too county council based and should better reflect the spirit of partnership working                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Missing cross border issues – eg use of services, school catchment areas</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	District LSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The strategy needs to reflect the diversity of our county but also recognise the needs identified during the development of the strategy</li> <li>• Cross border issues are perhaps better raised and if possible addressed at a very local level – e.g. town council/district local strategic partnership.</li> <li>• The foreword has been amended and now includes all district LSP Chairmen as signatories.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The parish council's priorities are identified as                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Affordable housing</li> <li>○ Improved waste recycling with higher targets and incentives</li> <li>○ Energy efficiency to counteract escalating fuel prices</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted and these priorities are addressed within the strategy and delivery plan.</li> </ul>
<b>A world class economy</b>		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The key issues should include 'local regeneration initiatives in areas of opportunity and in areas of deprivation</li> <li>The current position should explain that the RES central Oxfordshire is one of 8 Diamonds for Investment and Growth</li> </ul>	District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This has been included.</li> <li>This has been included</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I should like to see the strongest institutions in the local economy work to offer training to those who need it and to assist disabled workers by providing opportunities and adaptations of the workplace.</li> </ul>	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Economic Partnership and the Learning and Skills Partnership will be asked to consider this</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to ensure the 'right' business' come to the area, ensuring that they bring with them a highly skilled, professional workforce.</li> </ul>	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agree – the partnership recognises that although the county has the highest concentration of degree level qualifications of any county, a significant proportion of the working age population are without qualifications and are therefore inadequately equipped to meet the needs of businesses operating in very competitive markets. We will be working with the Oxfordshire Economic Partnership to ensure that businesses' needs in terms of the skills they need are being met.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not clear to me. But I think we need to generate more jobs for our youngsters so that they can see a brighter future.</li> </ul>	Voluntary community or faith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The balance of employment opportunities and workforce skills is a critical issue for the Economic Partnership to pursue as part of our aim for a world class economy</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please could you make sure that Synchrotron is spelt correctly in the final document</li> </ul>	Public sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This has been amended</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On P 13, mention is made of "Oxfordshire University's Chemistry lab". It is Oxford</li> </ul>	Public Sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This has been amended</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whilst it is pleasing to see the value and impact of tourism in the local economy reflected in the delivery plan, there is insufficient reference made in the overall document to support its inclusion as a target. Whilst its inclusion as a pledge would be preferable, there should at least be a stronger emphasis in the “current position” section</li> </ul>	District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This has been amended</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In developing actions that encourage collaboration across the public, business and voluntary sectors to build on Oxfordshire’s economic success the partnership should take account of relevant actions that are already underway – led by partner public authorities (e.g. district council business support and liaison activity)</li> </ul>	District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The partnership recognises that there are a number of actions already underway by partners and aims to complement those rather than duplicate.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With low rates of unemployment inward population migration (either as residents or commuters) will be necessary. This will impact on the county infrastructure if the ecotown is built at Weston on Otmoor this increase in traffic on A34 and M40 will increase and gridlock the already worst affected commuter routes.</li> </ul>	Voluntary community or faith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The strategy will be updated to reflect any significant spatial planning issues determined by the government.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Of particular concern to us in this area is the reliance of many of our clients on the BMW plant for work of large chains that may not be based in Oxford indefinitely.</li> <li>Increasing council and commercial rents have closed many smaller independent retailers and manufacturers that have traditionally employed lower or semi-skilled workers and we have seen the</li> <li>Encouraging diversity of industry is likely to be of increasing concern.</li> <li>We are aware of the absence of concessions for small</li> </ul>	Voluntary community and Faith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workforce issues will be forwarded to the Oxfordshire Economic Partnership,</li> </ul>

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enterprises in your delivery plan		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the members of the Partnership are not in full agreement with aspects of the SEERA SE Plan this should be made clear in the document. Most Parish councils have put their views forward quite forcibly and in respect of the green belt review, ‘eco towns’ and anticipated housing growth, etc (page 11) and would be far from happy to see these included in the County’s plans as if already set in stone.</li> </ul>	Parish/Town Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Plan will be updated to take account of any spatial decisions made by government but the strategy does not seek to engage in the debate</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would prefer the more appropriate wording “Best endeavours” to “We pledge”</li> <li>Many of the priorities and delivery plan items are acceptable and commendable, but in the real world it is questioned if they are achievable, in particular because of the present economic climate, because money will be the main driving force.</li> </ul>	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted – the Partnership will continue to use the term ‘pledge’ as the partnership has made a commitment to making this happen.</li> <li>All of the targets which have been included have detailed action plans behind them ensuring that they are achievable.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transport pledge (p15) IS this the limit of our aspirations? It assumes that there will still be congestion in Oxfordshire. Congestion is unlikely to be a problem in 2030 because most people will be travelling by public transport.</li> </ul>	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tackling traffic congestion is a key priority for the partnership. The strategy will be reviewed to take on board changes such as the South East Plan and then at 5 year intervals.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To compensate for lost facilities and village jobs priority must be given to providing HIGH SPEED broadband connections to villages.</li> </ul>	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Broadband suppliers are responsible for improving the performance and availability of high quality broadband services.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The strategy does not take into account the growing gap between those who have qualifications and those who do not – in both workplace and community settings. Perhaps the strategy could be more robust about the significant divide between those who are skilled and those who have no or lower skills.</li> <li>The strategy emphasises the skills needs of those in work – given that 70% of our 2020 workforce is currently in employment that is</li> </ul>	District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skills is a key priority for the Partnership and there are several skills targets within the LAA.</li> <li>The skills briefing paper that contributed to the evidence base for the strategy highlighted these issues. The evidence will be subject to reviews in the future</li> </ul>

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<p>understandable. However, the basic skills needs of those on the fringes of employment or underemployed or in part time employment get no mention. Meeting basic skills needs (literacy, numeracy, ICT etc) could provide a source of labour – particularly from marginalised groups - as people climb the ladder to higher qualifications and marketable skills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oxfordshire has several locations where a low skill labour market prevails e.g. Bicester and Banbury. This does not appear to be recognised by the 2030 strategy – what emphasis will be placed on prioritising these localities?</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The County Council and other partners are developing the approach to place and both Bicester and Banbury have been recognised as key areas for local partnership development</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The OEP supports the strategic objective of a world class economy.</li> <li>The issue of skills and learning will be central to this objective. Action on infrastructure including housing and transport are vitally important and the development of these themes will need input and maybe led by other bodies than those listed.</li> </ul>	Oxfordshire Economic Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We welcome OEP’s support.</li> <li>We recognise that more bodies will need to be involved in taking this work forward and look forward to working with OEP in identifying these.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key Issues” –Job losses in Banbury are particularly relevant to this section. Banbury also needs help in raising educational attainment and developing skills within the workforce.</li> <li>“We pledge to” – the bullet point about tackling traffic congestion around Oxford City “and other hotspots” could usefully mention Banbury as well</li> <li>“Current Position” – Banbury ought to also be highlighted in relation to the motorsports reference.</li> <li><u>Page 14</u> – “Economic regeneration” – Oxford; Didcot; Grove; and Bicester are all specifically mentioned, but Banbury needs economic regeneration following the loss of key employers. A fourth bullet point should be added flagging this up.</li> </ul>	Town Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The County Council and other partners are developing its approach to place and Banbury has been recognised as a key area for local partnership development</li> <li>We have included mention to “other hotspots” around the county.</li> <li>Agreed, in fact market towns in general need support</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A discernible trend in Woodstock in recent years is the increasing lack of diversity in the retail environment as shops catering for everyday needs have been replaced by designer fashion boutiques, lifestyle shops etc. A more upmarket profile may be attractive for tourists but it is important to achieve a balance between the needs of visitors and local people</li> <li>• Woodstock is an attractive leisure and tourism centre in its own right but with Blenheim Palace and Park on its doorstep it is an outstanding visitor attraction. Whilst we subscribe to the aspiration of a thriving tourist economy we are also concerned to minimise the more adverse impacts of tourism on everyday life for Woodstock residents, particularly with traffic management measures at the time of special events at Blenheim.</li> <li>• Regular congestion on weekdays during school term times on the northern approaches to Oxford point to the need to: a) manage the schools traffic more efficiently, b) introduce bus priority measures where possible, c) invest in improvement of the highway infrastructure – this applies particularly to the A34 and A40 where problems impact on the free flow of traffic on the A44. Investment also in the rail link between Oxford and Milton Keynes/Bedford will greatly benefit east-west communications.</li> </ul>	<p>Town Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Partnership recognises this issue and refers you to the Market Town Initiative</li>   <li>• We recognise this is an issue which needs to be addressed in the district strategy and have passed this comment on to West Oxfordshire.</li>   <li>• The County Council, in partnership with Network Rail and the Highways Agency is promoting a package of measures which is designed to ease congestion around the county. We are encouraging schools to develop travel plans which has also been extended to independent schools.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This section clearly articulates the vital role of culture and sport in making Oxfordshire a good place for business as part of the quality of life offer that supports key factors, such as a skilled workforce and transport links, in supporting inward investment and business retention (page 14). It can also, of course, play a direct role in terms of skills and workforce development, looking</li> </ul>	<p>Museums, Libraries Archives Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These points are noted.</li> </ul>

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<p>for example at low educational attainment. A regional basic skills offer is being rolled out through libraries, which has highlighted reading as a core skill through the National Year of Reading, and work continues to engage young people in exciting educational opportunities.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not consider this a legitimate strategic objective for the Partnership, which is about delivering services.</li> </ul>	<p>District Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oxfordshire partnership is a strategic partnership, with the task of defining priorities for action. However OP is not a delivery agency – that role sits with various agencies working alone and in partnership</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TVP considers that the key issues identified, and the pledges that are set out in this section, are generally correct. Nevertheless for the reasons already outlined above, it is important to recognise that as part of delivering a high quality built environment, designing to reduce crime can help create a safe public and private realm which helps to address real crime as well as the fear of crime, and thus encourages people to live, and business to invest, in these areas. Therefore one aspect of the creation of a world class economy is inevitably going to be the recognition that a safe environment helps to stimulate economic investment.</li> <li>Additional to this is the delivery of infrastructure. Investment in infrastructure often lags behind the pace of economic development. In this context infrastructure includes community / social infrastructure. Where this is lacking it often leads to a negative impact on the workforce that lives in a given area and on the general quality of the local environment. Again these all help to stimulate investment and will be important in helping to build a</li> </ul>	<p>Thames Valley Police</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The built environment will be an important aspect of local ‘place’ regeneration projects</li> </ul>

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<p>world class economy. Therefore in summary TVP considers that it would be helpful if further recognition could be made of the benefits of delivering safe places to live and work and designing out crime for the Oxfordshire economy.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sharpest issue for me is that of housing and the economy. I live in Greater Leys, and it’s a bitter pill to swallow that what’s on the table for creating more affordable housing in Oxford is going to substantially reduce my access to the countryside (according to a map in the Oxford Times today). But having spent a long time in shared rented accommodation in Oxford I’m aware that such housing is needed somewhere.</li> <li>• On the other hand, over the years I’ve got the impression that the city council at least is keen for there to be economic growth in Oxford. I’d prefer to go for economic stability and not creating substantially more jobs, on the assumption that employment levels in the city are high.</li> <li>• On the one hand, this report does talk of achieving a sustainable balance between jobs, housing and the environment, and “making Oxfordshire’s economy even stronger without undue environmental impact”.</li> <li>• On the other, there are statements about transport and housing infrastructure lagging behind “the pace of economic development”, and Oxfordshire being in “a strong position to sustain economic growth”. These latter statements appear to point to substantial growth in employment, which if applied to the</li> </ul>	<p>Resident</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific emphasis on Oxford is included within Oxford City’s local sustainable community strategy where some of these issues are addressed. We have shared this information with the City Council.</li> </ul>

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<p>city would probably result either in the generation of more traffic or the need for more housing (and probably both).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I don't have any deep knowledge of this sort of thing, but I'd assume that aiming for a robust economy with some resilience is different to aiming for a strongly growing economy. To the extent that the latter is going to generate even more need for housing than there is now, I'm not behind it. It's difficult to tell what balance is going to be aimed for from this report, there being no concrete statement about what degree of economic growth is intended and what degree of encroachment on the green belt (or other green spaces) this would be felt to justify. This is perhaps because different elements of the partnership have different views</li> <li>In relation to the "World Class Economy" section, few are going to argue with a commitment to improving education and skills levels, but the emphasis on being better than the rest of the country, rather than simply on achieving specific improvements, is not one I like much. If the whole country does well in this respect and Oxfordshire does well to a similar extent to everyone else, is that a failure?</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In general support all communities appropriately to maintain their vitality Pledge 3. There should be mention of Support for cultural services to increase the well being of our young people and help them to achieve more than a good level of basic skills. There should be Support for Youth mentoring for younger ages to ensure good role models and improved attendance and</li> </ul>	Town Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The A34 is a strategic route managed by the government. However we have passed the transport comments on to our transport team.</li> </ul>

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<p>educational attainment. Pledge 5. Improve the A34 and open up the full interchange at Lodge Hill to relieve congestion in the town and along Marcham Road at the southern junction for Abingdon from A34 (Marcham Interchange). Improve maintenance of cycleways and improve other cycle facilities</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The targets are not specific enough - some are worded in a woolly way which leaves plenty of room for a mediocre performance to be classed as success</li> </ul>	Councillor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have done further work to sharpen the targets and we will produce an annual report detailing progress.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Address micro as well as macro traffic congestion, as these are closely related: tackle disproportionate traffic congestion hotspots in small villages.</li> </ul>	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The County Council Local transport Plan addresses these issues</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You mention that 78per cent of Oxons land is under agricultural management yet no mention is made within the draft strategy of the vital role that farming and associated land management plays within its economy. OK it may not be a large employer but it has and will play a significant role in the shaping of the countryside, aside from the matter of food production! IN addition some smaller business parks to provide more local employment may be a way forward. In addition to less travel it cuts down associated traffic problems such as those that occur around the more larger sites such as those at harwell and didcot.</li> </ul>	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have mentioned the role of farming in relation to the local economy within the strategy. We have also passed this comment on to our district colleagues who are developing local sustainable community strategies.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It would be clearer to make two separate points; one of congestion and transport difficulties and one of the sufficiency of affordable housing to meet need.</li> <li>It may be intending to mean that lack of transport and infrastructure renders an area less suitable to affordable housing provision because of lack of day to day mobility in that sector, but</li> </ul>	District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This has been amended to reflect the two points.</li> <li>Reference to the economy and enterprise delivery group will be included in the delivery plan</li> </ul>

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<p>that is a major assumption and perhaps should be stated, and anyway we could argue that these are constraints on housing provision generally, not just the affordable sector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While we understand a review of partnerships is underway, there is no reference to the economy and enterprise delivery group in the draft delivery plan.</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We note that the intention of this strategy is good, and we recognize that Oxfordshire and the Thames Valley are a strong focus for economic development in the UK and that this needs to be maintained. We have some concern that the focus on the South Oxfordshire Quadrant and Bicester as centres of development and on the world class economy could be to the detriment of more rural communities.</li> </ul>	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The challenge for the Partnership is to develop the economy whilst protecting Oxfordshire’s built and natural environment</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Although our tourist industry may be strong compared with other counties of similar size, given what Oxfordshire has to offer it could also be considered to be underdeveloped and the potential to promote tourism and the county’s attractions could be acknowledged here.</li> </ul> <p>Small businesses can contribute to providing the shopping and services that communities need, particularly in our rural areas and market towns. SOP would like to see in the strategy a reference to the role of small local business and a pledge to support and promote conditions they need to thrive.</p>	District local strategic partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have added in the reference to small businesses. We will also be discussing with the Oxfordshire Economic Partnership representation of small businesses on the Partnership.</li> </ul>
<p>a) If Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) plans an increase in tourism in order to boost the economy then this will surely increase the need for tourist accommodation within the city</p>	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The intention is to encourage tourists to stay longer in the area. Hotel bed spaces have increased but further provision may be</li> </ul>

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<p>centre or nearby. Temporary accommodation within Oxford is currently very limited and very expensive. The Council is not aware of any plans to build more hotels/motels so where are all these extra visitors going to stay? If the tourists are intended to be day visitors then surely that will add to traffic congestion and carbon emission fumes, both of which the County Council is pledged to reduce. Is OCC planning more Park and Ride schemes to cope with this extra influx and, if so, where will they be located?</p> <p>b) <u>The creation of new jobs</u> – The Council agrees with all the propositions but why is there no mention of meaningful jobs for the over-60's? An ageing population is one of the big problem areas over the next 20-30 years. Not everyone wants to retire at age 60-65 or only being involved in voluntary work. There is a lot of skilled expertise within the elderly which could surely be tapped to the county's and elderly resident's benefit. The Council agrees that more involvement in voluntary work to create a sense of community is a good thing but it should not be the domain of the elderly 'retired' exclusively.</p> <p>c) <u>Housing</u> – new homes in central Oxford are not affordable and the majority of single or double occupancy apartments are generally taken by the undergraduate population during term time only. This leaves rooms vacant for at least one third of the calendar year. Although the University provides college rooms for the first 2 years of a 3-year undergraduate course they should be encouraged to provide it for the entire duration thus freeing up many apartments within the city centre as</p>		<p>needed over the long term.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The trend is towards people working beyond 65 and employment opportunities are expected to change to reflect this especially as the working population diminishes.</li> <li>• Affordable Housing does not imply cheap housing. However there are opportunities through shared ownership and other schemes to allow young people to get onto the housing ladder.</li> </ul>

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<p>accommodation for essential service workers such as nurses, firemen, policemen, teachers who also add to the city's economy. Since the University's heritage of beautiful college buildings and their history is part of the appeal for tourists to visit the city surely OCC can work with the University to free college land to build more University student accommodation which would ultimately be to their mutual advantage.</p> <p>d) <u>Traffic</u> – The Council suggests having more school buses to collect and deliver school children. At peak times Botley Road remains a nightmare of congestion and therefore carbon emissions. There should be less car access into the city and more Park and Ride schemes introduced. This would have the triple effect of reducing congestion, reducing pollution and make the road safer for cyclists, which would possibly encourage more people to use their bicycle to travel into town.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The county council has plans to address congestion and access to Oxford</li> </ul>
<p>More emphasis needs to be made of the importance of sustainable rural economies. A sustainable rural economy not aides access to services, the importance of village shops etc, but can also promote tourism. Suggest an additional key issue is added that says 'promote sustainable rural economies'.</p> <p><b>Page 13</b></p> <p>Under 'we pledge to:', 5<sup>th</sup> bullet point – this needs to give more emphasis to the fact that congestion isn't just into and out of Oxford, it may be better worded as 'Tackle traffic congestion across Oxfordshire, particularly on trunk roads and around market towns and Oxford city and</p>	<p>District council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have included this within the strategy. Please note that there is also the Oxfordshire Rural Strategy that is also taking this work forward. We would expect this issue to be picked up in district community strategies.</li> <li>• This has been amended</li> </ul>

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<p>other hotspots.’</p> <p>Transport is a key issue for Oxfordshire and whilst mentioned in this chapter it should be given more emphasis. Suggest add additional pledge that says ‘make it easier for you to get where you need to go.’</p> <p>In connection with the comment on transport add an additional bullet under ‘by 2030 we expect’ to say ‘Improve access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling’.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work on the new local transport plan will be starting this autumn and we have passed these comments on to the County Council’s transport team.</li> <li>• This is included as an LAA target</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mid tech industries need to be encouraged in Banbury and Bicester – so not just high tech</li> <li>• Need to acknowledge the economic shift and possible job losses</li> <li>• Education and skills need to be more explicit in the Strategy and delivery plan</li> <li>• The delivery plan need recession and unemployment targets for the medium term</li> <li>• Quality of schools is missing</li> <li>• Economy pledges too Oxford centric</li> </ul>	<p>District Local strategic partnership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific focus on Banbury and Bicester we would expect to see in district community strategy.</li> <li>• Education and skills are detailed in the delivery plan</li> <li>• To be developed</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The regional economic strategy aims to achieve a world class region achieving sustainable prosperity through partners working together. It would be useful for this section to reference how the community strategy will assist with the relevant RES transformational actions.</li> <li>• The first paragraph of a world class economy is an opportunity to articulate what the OP means by a world class economy. This could be framed more clearly and boldly which would also provide a platform for the key issues, pledges, the current position and success measures</li> </ul>	<p>South East England Development Agency</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have added further text in to strengthen the world class economy section which picks up a number of your points.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Key issues</u>: key issues not mentioned are those around the need for Oxfordshire to continue to secure inward investment and enable existing businesses to ‘go global’, the need to provide the best possible business support to grow its existing business stock, the desire to foster innovation and creativity and continue the success in turning ideas into profitable enterprise.</li> <li>• In terms of infrastructure as a key issue we suggest housing is added to transport and also business premises.</li> <li>• We suggest rewording bullet 1 to read “support and grow our high technology businesses and increase high value employment”. This is both more positive than the current sentence and also brings in something on the importance of high value employment</li> <li>• We suggest combining the existing bullets 3 and 4 that cover skills into “raise educational attainment, workforce skills and encourage lifelong learning. Essentially these are both learning and skills related topics.</li> <li>• Mention is made of the substantial military presence in Oxfordshire....military posts are not wealth generating but do represent a significant source of consumption. Service leaders could be encouraged to remain the county and contribute to the local economy This may require assistance with relevant skills or enterprise support from programmes such as Business Link or partners like the Learning and Skills Council.</li> <li>• <u>Pledges</u>: the pledges should relate to the key issues and illustrate what exactly the OP will do in relation to them.</li> <li>• Given the final section “how will we measure success” should have quantifiable and measurable targets, the pledges section should perhaps concentrate more on the process.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This has been included</li>   <li>• Included</li>   <li>• This was helpful and has been included</li>   <li>• The strategy now refers to the implications of the significant MOD presence in the county.</li> </ul>



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<p>employment and environmental pressures. Increasing productivity per worker is one of the 3 headline targets in the RES and is very relevant to Oxfordshire. Reference to productivity gains would complement the existing information on GVA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Key partnerships to develop the theme</u>: does not include the housing partnership or environmental partnership.</li> </ul>		<p>for driving workers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These partnerships have been added.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Healthy and thriving communities</b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The main comment from OVSDP is around NI7 'creating an environment for a thriving third sector'.</li> </ul> <p>OVSDP agreed to this being included as a local target and not as a main LAA target on the understanding that it would still be an important part of the Sustainable Communities Strategy.</p> <p>OVSDP feels that wording that refers to this commitment such as <i>'The voluntary and community ('third') sector plays a vital role in Oxfordshire life, both in providing services to people who need it and in making volunteering opportunities available for people to get involved in their communities. In recognising this important role, we will work to ensure that in Oxfordshire there is an environment that enables the third sector to thrive, and that groups that are part of the local VCS receive the support they need to grow and meet the needs of the people they serve'</i> should be included in the text of the document to reflect the importance of this for the county</p>	<p>Voluntary, Community &amp; Faith</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We agree and suggest the following is included: We will work to ensure that our community organisations receive the support they need to develop and operate and effectively in order to meet the needs of the people they serve.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do we need a reference in this section as to where the key areas of deprivation are and explain that we will be targeting those areas in particular in relation to training and skills, community safety and health</li> </ul>	<p>District Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The series of evidence papers that were developed indicate areas of deprivation across the county. Please see the website for further information</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I think there could be a greater emphasis on providing access to satisfactory and accessible healthcare - for example for workers, elderly people in rural areas, NHS dentistry and mental healthcare for the whole community, including children and adolescents.</li> </ul>	Resident	<p><a href="http://www.oxfordshirepartnership.org.uk">www.oxfordshirepartnership.org.uk</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is a long term strategy and we recognise that the focus will change over time.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The County Council has recently published an Extra Care Housing Strategy for older people (available on OCC website) and I would like to see this mentioned in the strategy.</li> </ul>	District council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>This is now referenced in the delivery plan: plans and strategies section.</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preservation and promoting use of open green spaces are vital - as this will encourage local communities to make the most of what is available to them.</li> </ul>	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreed but these issues will be picked up in district strategies</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I think we should follow up each individual over time. We should have a health database for each individual in Oxfordshire. This would be very useful for research purposes and we can then precisely say health inequalities among various communities.</li> </ul>	Voluntary community and faith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The National Health Service is currently developing a national database for this purpose.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is insufficient emphasis on encouraging activity in young people in Oxford. They have low levels of physical activity compared with other populations (see Oxfordshire Data Observatory- Health Profile 2008). Their sporting initiatives e.g. for a decent sized skate park should be encouraged and assisted in every way. There should also be more emphasis on allotments which allow people mental and physical well-being and also access to fresh fruit and veg. They also encourage community cohesion. What provision is there for new allotments?</li> </ul>	Member of public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is a priority for the Children’s Trust. Our LAA includes targets on levels of obesity in primary age children and positive activities for young people.</li> <li>The provision for new allotments is at the discretion of the district councils and their planning frameworks.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes; under the "safer communities" section of this part, I feel reference should be made to Local Authority anti social behaviour teams as well as to the Police, in tackling ASB.</li> </ul>	County Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reference to the local authority anti-social behaviour teams shall be included.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive to see reference to the Oxfordshire Voluntary Sector Development Partnership but reference also needs to be made to the existing parish plan reference group which can also assist the development of this theme.</li> </ul>	District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will include reference to the parish plan reference group in the delivery plan.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The draft strategy fails to take account of demographic changes, in that it makes no specific mention of the needs of the increasingly aged population. The strategy also fails to place sufficient emphasis on the needs of older persons and access to services.</li> </ul>	District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The strategy does recognise that one of the key areas of change facing us is the ageing of our population. District Sustainable Community Strategies can pick up issues that are especially relevant in that area. The ageing population identified as a priority in Director of Public Health’s Annual Report 2007-08. Targets in the delivery plan reflect this issue</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traffic congestion could lead to deterioration in air quality in Oxon. The lack of timely and reliable public transport will lead to greater dependence on private cars with negative influence on obesity and general fitness levels.</li> <li>The removal of single sex sports and swimming facilities has led to increased lack of fitness from cultural groups where modesty is ingrained.</li> </ul>	Voluntary community and faith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As the strategy does not wish to duplicate work already underway improving air quality is one of the 5 priorities of the current Local transport plan and areas with particular problems have received attention to try and address the issue</li> <li>We have shared this feedback with district colleagues who are responsible for swimming facilities. We are aware that Oxford swimming pools do have special evenings for women. It would be worth checking with your relevant local authority for further information.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why is it that the judges of success or otherwise are the providers of members of the partnership? Why not better representation/participation/involvement of the citizens. You do</li> </ul>	Resident, Voluntary, Community or	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Involvement of the public is key to improving the quality of life in Oxfordshire. All of us need to work together in order to tackle the</li> </ul>

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<p>not propose to improve democracy or recover these aspects which have been lost</p>	<p>Faith</p>	<p>issues that are important to Oxfordshire in the future. Please see the section in the revised strategy on “how to get involved”. Members of the public have been asked for their views on the draft strategy. All meetings of the Oxfordshire Partnership are open to the public and papers of all meetings are posted on our website <a href="http://www.oxfordshirepartnership.org.uk">www.oxfordshirepartnership.org.uk</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A feeling of identify and sense of place is critical to making Oxfordshire an even better place - We have targets on increasing the number of communities developing community led plans/increase the percentage of local people voting to above the average for the south East. Also the national Place Survey and other Surveys will aim to find out about success in meeting national indicators.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We welcome the initiatives to reduce ill health amongst the most vulnerable and ask that refused Asylum Seekers with no recourse to public funds are identified as a specific local concern. The government policy of deliberate destitution towards this sector of our community appears to be here to stay and the impact is felt at a local level.</li> </ul>	<p>Voluntary, Community or Faith</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Director of Public Health’s Annual Report 2007-08 notes refugees &amp; asylum seekers as one of the “specific vulnerable groups in this county who are in need of targeted services”, especially mental health.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is little about air quality, noise, water and land pollution.</li> <li>• Many issues such as causes for pollution, traffic congestion, lack of services and facilities are out of the control of County and</li> </ul>	<p>Resident</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As the strategy does not wish to duplicate work already underway improving air quality is one of the 5 priorities of the current Local</li> </ul>

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<p>District Authorities, being dictated by Government housing and development policies, which leads to over demand due to social and immigration policies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regarding insulating existing properties to reduce carbon emissions, it is understood that money may soon run out for government grant schemes which may then be stopped.</li> <li>It is hoped that both County and District will not force healthy living and other issues on residents through draconian measures that the Government describe as making behavioural changes. But by using carrot rather than stick measures.</li> </ul>		<p>transport plan and areas with particular problems have received attention to try and address the issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information about insulation schemes can be obtained by contacting your relevant local authority who are responsible for administering these schemes.</li> <li>The intention is to encourage rather than compel people to live healthy lifestyles</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More encouragement and support should be given to volunteers in villages e.g. Recruitment of teams of litter pickers to supplement the occasional clean up provided by District and County Councils.</li> </ul>	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreed. Residents will be encouraged to volunteer.</li> <li>The Oxfordshire Waste Partnership (<a href="http://www.oxfordshirewaste.gov.uk">www.oxfordshirewaste.gov.uk</a>) has information on the Big Tidy Up and how local areas can get involved. Community action groups (<a href="http://www.cagoxfordshire.org.uk">www.cagoxfordshire.org.uk</a>) of which there are currently twenty three. CAGs are run by local volunteers, who organise events and initiatives to <b>reduce, reuse or recycle</b> rubbish (waste) in their community. The CAG project provides support for community events and initiatives that help to reduce waste</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issues raised by the Didcot and Bicester garrisons, Shrivenham Defence Academy and RAF Benson were around access for servicemen and their families to:</li> </ul>	Ministry of Defence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This has been reflected in one of the partnership’s pledges to ‘work with local people and the voluntary, community and faith sectors and the military to sustain and</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• health services particularly mentioned mental health care</li> <li>• education services</li> <li>• home ownership</li> <li>• employment.</li> </ul>		<p>build cohesive, resilient and well planned communities’.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We recognise the important contribution the military makes to life in Oxfordshire and the Partnership will be working with key services providers to ensure that these needs are met.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Housing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are currently 7 000 households on council housing waiting lists in Oxford and Cherwell – the strategy fails to recognise the provision of sufficient affordable homes to tackle local need</li> <li>• Perhaps a review of the impact of housing on quality of life and priorities such as educational attainment could be addressed – there is a correlation between educational achievement at GCSE level and housing condition.</li> </ul> <p>Health and Thriving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The community plans (mostly conceived of as village or town plans) tend to bypass the need for plans in more urban areas e.g. Oxford, Banbury and Bicester. Neighbourhood planning appears a secondary priority.</li> <li>• The strategy emphasises the need for ‘active engagement’ – for instance encouraging people to be more active in their communities. It is less emphatic about service providers (particularly the County Council) doing more to engage people in service provision.</li> <li>• There is a tendency to see regeneration as housing and infrastructure – yet there are several examples in the county of new developments e.g. Hanwell Fields, taking little or no account of the need to build a sense of community and provide for</li> </ul>	<p>District Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The strategy identifies the need for more affordable housing and our LAA includes targets to increase provision.</li> <li>• The relationship between environmental factors including housing and educational attainment are known. The intention is for actions to break the cycle of deprivation to pick up environmental issues.</li> <li>• In developing our approach to ‘place shaping’ we will be working with areas such as Oxford, Banbury and Bicester to develop local partnerships in these area and actions plans for addressing the key issues that these areas face.</li> <li>• We recognise this and will share this feedback with our district colleagues who are the responsible planning authorities for housing within their local area.</li> </ul>

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<p>community facilities such as community and shopping centres and improved transport. Perhaps the strategy could acknowledge the importance of engaging people at an early stage in new housing development.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will also encourage that Local Development Frameworks take into account community local plans in deciding planning applications and Section 106 funding allocation.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business and the economy have an important part to play in communities and should not be forgotten as part of the community. Thriving local businesses have numerous and wide ranging impacts on the community including reducing travel time and increasing the use of local services as well as the obvious local economic contribution.</li> </ul>	<p>Oxfordshire Economic Partnership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Partnership recognises the important role that business and economy have to play in communities. We welcome business involvement in a number of local partnerships and town centre management groups. They are also represented on the Oxfordshire Partnership.</li> </ul>
<p><u>Page 16</u> – “communities with a heart” –eco-towns and large new housing estates on the edge of towns do not facilitate this.</p> <p>Need to maintain local services in rural communities.</p> <p>“We pledge to” –parish and town councils, as the tier of elected government closest to be people, need to be supported and enhanced to make this happen.</p> <p>“Current Position” – is it necessary to separately identify the percentage of black and minority ethnic communities within a community when seeking to promote a healthy and thriving community?</p>	<p>Town Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The strategy will be updated to reflect any significant spatial planning issues determined by the government.</li> <li>The partnership supports this and one of its key pledges is “work to sustain local services particularly in rural communities”. This is also being taken forward in the Oxfordshire Rural Framework.</li> <li>The Partnership recognises the key role parish and town councils have in supporting this to happen. OALC are responsible for supporting their representatives on the Oxfordshire Partnership board.</li> </ul>

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<p><u>Page 20</u> – “By 2030 we expect” – under the first bullet point, why single out specific groups for special mention? Everyone should feel equally welcomed and safe in their local communities.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oxfordshire is a diverse county and it is important to recognise the different needs those diverse communities may have.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As a service centre for a number of outlying villages we are concerned that access by public transport falls short in some cases of what could be considered to be a realistic level of provision e.g. access to the Woodstock Health Centre, banks, Post Office etc. from villages east of the A44</li> <li>Concern to provide a productive outlet for the energies of young people without the need to travel outside the town is a priority, and partnership with OCC and WODC in providing the physical infrastructure for that would be welcome e.g. the outdated Youth and Community Centres</li> <li>The combination of a high incidence of speeding in the town down the Oxford Street and Manor Road hills and the physical constraints of the A44 north of the town centre have a very adverse effect on pedestrian perceptions of danger when confronted with the passage of heavy vehicles with little or no margin for safety. We are concerned to minimise the danger by the diversion of heavy lorries off the A44 and following the recommendation of the alternative route proposed by the A44A Group and by the downgrading of the A44.</li> <li>Although major acts of crime are not a source of concern to Woodstock people the contribution to prevention that is made by the P.C.S.O. is appreciated and more man hours dedicated to the town would be welcomed.</li> </ul>	<p>Town Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oxfordshire Partnership is pledging to support and engage with community local plans (parish plans). It might be worthwhile for the Town Council to encourage development of a local community plan to provide wider and sound evidence of the issues and needs of the community and work with service providers and local residents to address them.</li> <li>We will refer this comment to the County Council’s Road Safety team.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is very positive to see the need for good access to cultural infrastructure in communities clearly stated here (page 17), and also its role in creating community cohesion, wellbeing and health (page 18). MLA South East would like to take this opportunity to stress the contribution that libraries, museums and archives can make to wider community agendas, for example cohesion, volunteering and education/skills.</li> </ul>	Museums, Libraries Archives Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The partnership recognises the contribution that libraries, museums and archives can make to wider community agendas.</li> </ul>
<p>An important and all-embracing objective. The Partnership needs to focus on building 'thriving' communities in the broadest sense.</p>	Councillor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TVP welcomes the regular and repeated references to the need for people to feel safe and the impact that crime and anti social behaviour can have on a community.</li> <li>Putting resources into preventing crime and other problems that affect a community is considered to be a critical part of the delivery of a SCS, and notwithstanding the fact that there is a section in the draft document on the delivery of safe communities, the issue of community safety and designing to achieve crime reduction should be elevated and references in this section to the ways in which other strategies and plans such as the Local Development Framework can help deliver these objectives should be incorporated.</li> </ul> <p>At the moment the Safer Communities Section refers to the ways in which statutory and voluntary agencies can help in liaison with the police to tackle crime and anti social behaviour. However in light of the obligation under section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act (see above) each local authority within the County has a duty to prevent crime and disorder in its area, and part of that duty is inevitably through the LDF which must take it lead from the SCS, as clearly required by PPS12. Therefore TVP would like to see more detailed and specific references to the linkages between the SCS and the LDF, particular in</p>	Thames Valley Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Safer Communities Partnership and district CDRPs will address these issues</li> </ul>

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the delivery of the safer communities objective. PPS12 clearly requires a Core strategy to recognise and deliver key themes within SCSs, of which community safety is always a key one. However, in our experience this is not generally happening, either at all, or to the extent needed to ensure the necessary policy recognition is present to facilitate future and long term provision of community safety.		
Pledge 6. Encourage all the local schools to use their local councillors for citizenship education and a better understanding of local democracy and local government Pledge 7. Target prevention at an earlier age, including youth mentoring for 8 - 13 year olds Pledge 9. Add after 'Increase participation in sport' and other suitable activities 'by our young people .....	Town Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillors are being encouraged to engage with their local schools</li> </ul>
Re demographic change- you acknowledge the ageing population- look at provision of more local services such as hospital and nursing homes. Small hospitals such as those in Wantage are in constant danger of being closed. Stop centralisation of services. Encourage the provision of more nursing homes locally. Volunteering needs to be encouraged- agreed. A larger pot of money for community grants is needed for volunteers/charities. Whilst acknowledging that OCC provides a generous village halls scheme other councils such as the Vale has only a very small last resort budget for community projects. Also we need to get rid of red tape and reassess health and safety issues for volunteering- it makes people think twice if volunteering is too complicated.	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We recognise that small hospitals are in danger of being closed but we know from the Banbury experience that local campaigns can be successful in retaining them.</li> <li>• There is a joint funding guide which is developed by all the local authorities and OCVA which offers a funding advice service.</li> <li>• Volunteering legal requirements are set nationally.</li> </ul>
The consultation paper identifies the need to develop a sense of community where people are involved in their local area through a variety of different organizations. For sustainable local communities in the more rural areas this requires that a core of services is maintained locally and that the villages do not degenerate in dormitory areas with the bulk of the population traveling away to work. This requires that we maintain a range services and employment at a local level, and it essential that the partnership plan includes this need.	Parish council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Oxfordshire Rural Forum has developed a Rural Framework for Oxfordshire 2007 to 2010 which identifies a number of these points. This can be accessed from the Oxfordshire Partnership website: <a href="http://www.oxfordshirepartnership.org.uk">www.oxfordshirepartnership.org.uk</a></li> <li>• We are aware that Watlington is developing a</li> </ul>

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<p>At this local level, Watlington is sometimes regarded as a Market Town, and sometimes as a village. It has a very important role in providing services for the villages adjacent to us (e.g. Christmas Common, Northend, Pyrton, Cuxham, Britwell Salome, Shirburn) as well as some of the villages a bit further away (e.g. Lewknor, Chalgrove). These services include schools, library, medical and sports facilities as well as providing a nucleus of shops and businesses. We would like to be recognised as a market town, at a smaller scale than Wallingford or Thame, and for future plans to include support for communities at this scale. Key needs for Watlington are to maintain vibrant and sustainable shops and services to meet the needs of this wider community, including better transport links within the local area and affordable housing that allows both older and younger people to remain in the town and neighbouring villages.</p> <p>Local government organization limits scope of what the Oxfordshire Partnership can address, but as a community on the edge of the County we experience the limitations of this rigid division. Our secondary school draws many pupils from neighbouring Buckinghamshire, but it appears to be impossible to have public transport services that reflect this cross-border traffic. We realise that the need to subsidise these services is the limiting factor, and would like to see an Oxfordshire Plan that recognises that we do not live in isolation and that cooperation with our neighbours is important.</p>		<p>community led plan that will provide a useful way of starting the dialogue with particular services and service providers about the future.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faith communities' should be added alongside references to the voluntary and community sector to ensure that faith communities are not marginalised in their role and contribution. On page 20, bullet point six should also refer to working with the faith sector in</li> </ul>	<p>District Local Strategic Partnership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This has been added</li> </ul>

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<p>the common task of building supportive, self-governing and well-planned communities. Similarly, it is important that when measuring levels of volunteering, and fostering volunteering, the contribution and experience of faith communities are taken into account.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The pledge to reduce crime levels to the lowest in the country is unrealistic and is not reflected in the South Oxfordshire community safety strategy (2008-11). Although Oxfordshire 2030 is a much longer-term document than the community safety strategy, such a pledge will need the support of the crime and disorder reduction partnerships who will be charged with delivering it, if it is to be meaningful. The pledge also is not consistent with the pledge on page 26, which is to reduce crime and fear of crime to below the national average.</li> <li>• Rural transport is a key issue for rural communities in South Oxfordshire and across the county and SOP does not feel that the SCS addresses this adequately in its current references to transport issues. It is a crucial element in creating sustainable rural communities and providing access to services for people living in them. SOP would like to see a pledge that demonstrates a commitment to supporting the improvement of transport options in rural areas.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a long term strategy and within that we aim to have the lowest crime levels in the county.</li> <li>• The LAA target to increase access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling focuses specifically on access to services from rural areas as this is a key concern for the Partnership.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Healthy and Thriving Communities section mentions a sense of community and acknowledges the difficulties with people commuting longer distances to work. We believe that enabling more local jobs to be provided, from local business parks, or developing town &amp; village centres is essential to reduce travelling, and should be included in the plan</li> </ul>	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We recognise this and shall be working with the Oxfordshire Economic Partnership.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally the Council agrees with this section but would suggest that OCC should also work towards clearing the city centre of people begging or busking on the streets. Street vendors are obliged to have a city licence to trade so why should this law not apply to others who are seeking to make money from passing tourists or local residents?</li>   <li>• <u>Improve support and opportunities for independent living</u> [page 11] – for various reasons not every elderly person will be capable of living alone even if extra support and carers are provided. No-one seems to be taking on board the provision of long-term care homes for the elderly infirm, nor are any retirement communities being built amongst the new housing estates that are planned to be built within the next 20 years. Surely with an ever increasing over 60's population 'boom' expected well before the year 2030, such provision will be desperately needed. Without it, undue distress, despair and undignified deaths will result and this certainly will not be to the satisfaction of residents and their families. [One of the aims of the proposed plan is to make people content with the quality of life and the services/facilities provided in the area thus encouraging them to stay in the area long-term and so develop a sense of community. Failure to provide for all aspects of elderly care is to ignore the needs of the very people who helped make Oxford as successful as it is today]</li>   <li>c) <u>Promote healthy lifestyles</u> [page 11] – The Council agrees with all that is stated but would suggest OCC consider building more County/District Council-run Sport Centres if residents are</li> </ul>	<p>Parish Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We shall pass this point on to our district council colleagues.</li>   <li>• The Director of Public Health's Annual Report 2007-08 is highlighting the ageing population as a priority, work is taking place re independent living, prevention etc.</li> </ul>

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to be encouraged to keep healthy and active in later life.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I feel not quite enough direct emphasis has been placed specifically on the importance of couple, family and broader relationships, as core elements to both healthy communities and 'giving children a good start in life'. The quality of family relationships impacts significantly to children's emotional well-being and resilience, social behaviour and educational and other achievements. (there is ample evidence of this and we believe the majority of Oxfordshire's vulnerable children have some experience of domestic abuse). So this comment could equally apply to the 'breaking the cycle' section of the strategy. Parenting skills are mentioned in this section but not broader parental and family relationships. Perhaps this could be captured in the Reducing inequalities and breaking the cycle section - in the paragraph re 'our approach' under 'family support' where the text might be emended to read 'to work with families to support family relationships and parenting skills, to promote educational achievement....etc. It also has an important part in the sustainable and thriving communities section but perhaps might be most appropriately expressed as an additional pledge and with an emphasis on young people and their transition through adolescence into adulthood - eg 'to support young people to take responsibility and develop skills to forge strong/healthy interpersonal, peer and community relationships'</li> </ul>	Voluntary, Community and Faith sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have added in reference to work with families under the healthy communities section.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infrastructure is vital with transport being central to these needs, new housing developments must have energy efficient buildings around public transport hubs, with support for all forms of public transport and 'green transport'. The County Council is asked to</li> </ul>	Town Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will pass these comments on to our transport colleagues within the county council.</li> </ul>

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<p>comment on highways issues for Planning Applications from around the County, vigilance should be increased and more comments should be made on new developments of all sizes not just the large developments. The effect of a series of individually small developments causing overdevelopment and the loss of green space has an adverse effect on the well being of communities through reducing the capacity of neighbourhoods/housing estates to cope with extra traffic movements and highway car parking issues needs to be tackled at the planning stage.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As discussed, local and national policy drivers support the need to make it easier for people of all ages to play outside. This supports community cohesion, healthy lifestyles and environmental protection</li> </ul>	Play Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agree and reference to play has been included within the strategy.</li> </ul>
<p>More emphasis is needed on children and young people and in particular activities for this group. Need to define ‘affordable housing’.</p> <p>Make reference to military personnel.</p> <p>Add in homelessness.</p> <p>Need to ensure that mental as well as physical health is adequately reflected. ‘We want people to be physically and mentally healthy and live longer’.</p> <p>In north Oxfordshire there are a large number of people not registered with a G.P. and there has been a huge amount of local support both</p>	District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reference to military personnel has been added in.</li> <li>This has been amended</li> </ul>

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<p>within and outside of Oxfordshire to maintain services at the Horton Hospital. Suggest adding an additional bullet point under ‘we pledge to:’ that says ‘Ensure the local provision of key health services’.</p> <p>Suggest amending last bullet point on page 16 to read ‘promote healthy lifestyles including the increase of physical activity’.</p> <p>Talk about a sense of community, but no mention of conservation areas to promote a sense of place.</p> <p>Should be specific mention of supporting youth groups. Under ‘By 2030 we expect’, first bullet point, change to read ‘Everybody feels welcomed and safe in their local community.’ The current sentence requires all groups to be listed, but not listing any it may be more inclusive?</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The strategy has been amended to refer to the need to promote local provision of key health services</li>   <li>• This has been included</li>   <li>• This issue is not considered critical</li>   <li>• This has been amended</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We would like to see the pledges reflect the importance of developing culture as part of vibrant communities. For example the text states ‘People want to live in communities with a heart....’ But this does not seem to be reflected in the pledges.</li> <li>• The report states that one of the challenges is to ‘value culture, sport, recreation and leisure’ – it would be good to see these challenges addressed</li> <li>• We would like to see reference to “value culture, sport, recreation and leisure as being vital to maintaining good quality of life” extended to include “providing important opportunities for economic growth and employment”</li> <li>• We would also like to see a reference to “assisted living” as well as “independent living”</li> </ul>	<p>South East England Development Agency</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This has been amended</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In terms of working age population you might want to consider encouraging flexible and home based working – 100% next generation broadband.</li> <li>It would be good to see a reference to capturing on the inspiration from Team GB’s success at Beijing.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will discuss these issues with the Oxfordshire Economic Partnership.</li> <li>Noted</li> </ul>
<b>Reducing inequalities and breaking the cycle of deprivation</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oxford City Council welcomes this. This is an area in which it is critical to have a joined up approach.</li> </ul>	District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We welcome the support.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I think the Council might consider whether individual access to help and support could be improved. I don't think that we can assume that these problems only affect a certain group of people. Everyone can face setbacks at certain points in their lives that can trigger a pattern of disadvantage. The Council could be a point at which problems are first voiced. Procedures could be worked out to deal immediately with really serious difficulties and to provide referral within the Council and to outside agencies in other cases.</li> <li>The problems with certain areas and with educational achievement need to have the high priority that you have given them. It is particularly unacceptable that towns such as Didcot or Banbury develop new housing and leave existing areas in a state where they are downmarket and unpopular.</li> <li>Employment, which comes into another objective, must also be key in tackling inequalities. I think that the Council could do more to help disabled people back into work.</li> </ul>	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is an interesting point and certainly chimes with the director of public health and the health &amp; Well-Being partnerships view that we need to emphasise preventative and self-help strategies. Comments will be passed to the health &amp; Well-being partnership.</li> <li>The County Council is working with district councils to ensure that this doesn’t happen.</li> <li>The recently formed learning &amp; Skills Partnership will be looking at this issue.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Essential to this is the full integration of minority communities, especially Muslim women - and this needs to be faced explicitly</li> </ul>	Voluntary community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encouraging and supporting BME Communities to engage with the wider</li> </ul>

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	and faith	population and to feel welcomed is part of the action implied in Healthy and Thriving Communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There does not appear to be anything about getting people out of work, for whatever reason, back into work.</li> </ul>	District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One of the medium terms targets (LAA2 target) – is to reduce the numbers of working age people on out of work benefits</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce benefits - getting people into work is a priority</li> </ul>	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One of the medium terms targets (LAA2 target) – is to reduce the numbers of working age people on out of work benefits</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A really strong focus on educational achievement and a commitment to developing a string of outstanding schools should be given the greatest weight.</li> </ul>	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educational attainment in our schools is a cause for concern with performance not as strong as in comparable areas of the country. By 2030 we expect education and skills levels to have risen well above the national average – there are a number of LAA2 targets which are attributed to this.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As a volunteer for a service charity I am aware of their difficulties Service people have to find accommodation on leaving the Armed Services. Due to the fact that they may have been posted away their priority on housing lists in their home county is prejudiced against them. We must look at giving some priority in these exceptional cases</li> </ul>	Voluntary community and faith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This has been reflected in one of the partnership’s pledges to ‘work with local people and the voluntary, community and faith sectors and the military to sustain and build cohesive, resilient and well planned communities’.</li> <li>We recognise the important contribution the military makes to life in Oxfordshire and the Partnership will be working with key services providers to ensure that these needs are met.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I think more health workers are needed to work for their communities particularly my own Bangladeshi community.</li> </ul>	Voluntary community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is an NHS rather than a Partnership issue</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is encouraging to see the specific reference to rural isolation and deprivation, particularly as West Oxfordshire is the second most rural district in the South East. As a situation that may worsen the pledges should make specific reference to rural areas in the same way as the pledge to tackle crime and antisocial behaviour “hotspots”</li> </ul>	and faith District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District Local Strategic Partnerships have a role here in highlighting the “specific reference” to rural areas where the problem areas are.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encouragement and education in diversity could remove some inequalities.</li> <li>An increase in education opportunities for deprived groups could be encouraged. Single sex classes would advantage Asian and East European and Mediterranean women who could receive education which protected their modesty and cultural identity.</li> </ul>	Voluntary community and faith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreed. In particular schools will address these issues.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This appears to be a comprehensive and inclusive plan that recognises the main causes and complications of deprivation.</li> </ul>	Voluntary community and faith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thank you for the support.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The OEP welcomes the cross-cutting objective of reducing inequalities and breaking the cycle of deprivation. However, we would recommend not using the language of "reducing gaps", which infers a “dumbing” down of aspiration, particularly at the top level, but rather of raising aspiration and removing barriers to success at all levels.</li> <li>This area of activity is one in which partnership working is critical; cross-organisational activity is crucial if improvements are to be made. This is not a new aspiration and looking at good practice, understanding what works and why, are important.</li> </ul>	Oxfordshire Economic Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reducing inequalities and breaking the cycle of deprivation is now included as a cross cutting issue through the document.</li> <li>In taking this work forward the Partnership will be looking at areas of good practice.</li> <li>This has been amended.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note that the list should read Oxfordshire Economic Partnership to be consistent.</li> </ul>		
<p><u>Page 25</u> – “pockets of deprivation” – prefer the term “relative disadvantage”.</p> <p><u>Page 26</u> – “raising educational achievement” needs to take account of the increasing gap whereby white males from poorer families are falling further behind their peers.</p> <p><u>Local Distinctiveness/Cherwell (Page 29)</u></p> <p>Final bullet point under priorities – why is it necessary to spell out particular groups? The aim should be to improve the quality of life for all – equally.</p>	Town Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The comment is noted but no change is proposed</li> <li>There are a wide range of factors to be addressed in raising achievement</li> <li>The Partnership has placed emphasis on breaking the cycle of deprivation because experience has shown that disadvantage is often replicated generation after generation</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We would advocate a strengthening of the term promoting healthy lifestyles. We could potentially promote and make no difference. In terms of physical activity could this be enhanced by saying we pledge to increase and widen participation in physical activity, sport and active recreation with particular emphasis on low participants. This then reflects the work of the Oxfordshire Sports Partnership and NI8.</li> </ul>	Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have amended this pledge as follows: Promote healthy lifestyles including the increase of physical activity. The LAA includes NI 8 which is a key priority.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MLA sector can contribute to outcomes highlighted in this section such as improving educational attainment and skills and promoting healthy lifestyles (see comments on earlier sections).</li> </ul>	Museums, Libraries Archives Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your contribution is welcomed.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An excellent one, but the Partnership will need to show that it is not just paying lip service to these ideals.</li> </ul>	Councillor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The delivery plan shows how the partnership will be taking this work forward.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TVP welcomes the regular references to the need to address the local communities' concerns over tackling crime. TVP supports the principle of an approach which includes, within its objectives, the need to reduce the impact of crime in identified hotspots and divert young people from anti social behaviour.</li> <li>As noted above, reducing crime and the fear of crime is truly a cross-cutting policy theme and therefore whilst we are pleased to see this issue identified under this particular heading, if anything it should be identified throughout the Strategy as a component to all the key strategic objectives.</li> </ul>	Thames Valley Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pledge 20. Increase access to affordable activities. Improve access to the Youth Service and use trained resources to best advantage (ie do not use trained Youth Workers for caretaking buildings).</li> </ul>	Town Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will refer this comment on to colleagues in the children, young people and families' directorate.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We agree that it is important that deprivation problems are identified and tackled, however we feel that targeting inequality is wrong goal. We ought to be aiming to improve the opportunities and quality of life where there is 'poor' quality not where necessarily where there is inequality. In practice reducing inequality could lead to a lowering of the average and so actually make things worse!</li> <li>Regenerating communities is a worthwhile objective, but as is so often the case treatment of a problem is far harder than prevention of the problem occurring. The plan does not address the need to identify where there is the threat of decline of communities and putting things in place to halt the downward</li> </ul>	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This has been amended</li> <li>There is now an increasing emphasis on community engagement and we are working with the more deprived communities in Oxfordshire.</li> </ul>

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<p>slide. Providing quality educational and employment opportunities is vital, but so is fostering local community activities – people who relate to their community and are known within the community are likely to feel more supported and involved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An essential part of ensuring this is to make it feasible for people to remain in their home community. We note that some people have to move out of the rural areas they live in as there is not the potential for shared-ownership housing etc. It is very important that there is a mix of accommodation.</li> <li>We think that there should be more affordable housing adjacent to Oxford, within South Oxfordshire with public transport links. Watlington needs to ensure a mixed population with regard to age and finance etc.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We agree with this point and Parish Plans have often proved successful in generating local agreement as to the need for local affordable housing, a housing survey can identify sites and in many cases new accommodation for local people has been the result.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is strong evidence showing that people from disadvantaged communities have poor access to play opportunities and to the natural environment. This contributes to the cycle of deprivation.</li> </ul>	Play Partnership and Ox Outside Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Point noted and we will develop this further in taking forward our work with deprived communities.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop Children's centres fully, support for parents and more youth work</li> </ul>	Town council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will refer this comment on to colleague in the children, young people and families' directorate.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You might consider how the partnership could help address problems of:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>financial exclusion: particularly in respect of the credit crunch and the lack of affordable credit. You might want to consider how you would encourage those people suffering financial hardship (as a result of rising fuel and commodities) to take up the social tariffs offered by utility companies and energy providers</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	South East England Development Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These are all points for the Oxfordshire Economic Partnership to address in shaping a new economic strategy.</li> </ul>

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<p>b) Digital exclusion – statistics should that older people are particularly vulnerable to digital exclusion, and can have an impact on disadvantaged older people being able to live independently. Intergenerational schemes to tackle this issue such as Silver Surfers run by Age Concern, have been proven to be effective at overcoming additional problems and lack of knowledge and confidence. This approach would fit well with Oxfordshire’s concept of “lifetime neighbourhoods”</p>		
<b>Environment and climate change</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The heading ‘Limiting our carbon omissions’ should read ‘Climate Change mitigation and adaptation’</li> <li>• This section should include a reference to improving the quality of the public realm, given that there are 2 LAA targets on cleanliness.</li> </ul>	District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This has been amended</li> <li>• This text has been added</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The planning for flood risk needs to updated continually. There are future risks of extreme threat, from contamination, disease and climate change.</li> </ul>	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One of the partnership’s priorities is to address flooding risks – one of the targets is to develop a countywide strategy to tackle risks and manage flooding</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• this is something achievable on a local and regional level, and ought to be regarded as central</li> </ul>	voluntary, community or faith sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We agree.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give grants for actions that reduce climate change. It is no good just restricting the grant to those whose fuel bill is a high proportion of their income; grants should be available to all to encourage people to invest in these expensive options. What about community energy schemes?</li> <li>• do something to improve access to Oxford by train</li> </ul>	District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road traffic has grown rapidly in Oxfordshire. The County Council, in partnership with Network Rail and the Highways Agency is promoting a package of measures called “Access to Oxford” designed to ease congestion around the County.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clearly public transport is way short of the required standard to encourage people to reduce private car use! - Cheaper public transport and different modes should be a priority - how about a TRAM system?</li> </ul>	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The County Council, in partnership with Network Rail and the Highways Agency is promoting a package of measures called “Access to Oxford” designed to ease congestion around the County.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>V important - far too many cars on the road &amp; we don't want our farmers being encouraged to grow crops for fuel rather than to eat.</li> </ul>	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The County Council, in partnership with Network Rail and the Highways Agency is promoting a package of measures called “Access to Oxford” designed to ease congestion around the County.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is going extremely well but it should be part of our educational curriculum. Good news is that children are more aware of this than previous generation. School has to play an important role on this.</li> </ul>	Voluntary community and faith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schools do have an important role to play – children are much more aware now about the impacts of climate change/environment etc.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed changes to the pledges - Inconsistency Pledge 13 has two long term targets neither of which is related to title of the pledge - the 50% reduction I think is meant as a target for CO2 emissions across Oxfordshire.</li> </ul>	Private sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appropriate targets to support the pledge are being developed by the Climate Change and Environment Partnerships</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The pledge to “reduce the carbon emissions from public sector organisations and to set an example for businesses and others in the county” does not go far enough, and should include support and encouragement for residents and businesses to do the same.</li> <li>The wording of the pledge “reduce waste and increase re-use and recycling by households and businesses” does not accurately reflect the national mantra of “reduce, reuse and recycle” – reduce refers to more than simply waste and should also include use of resources</li> <li>There is also no mention of renewable energy in the pledge, a</li> </ul>	District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The target has been amended to reflect this point, but statutory agencies must first demonstrate good practice for others to follow.</li> <li>We feel this pledge is clear and does reflect the national mantra.</li> <li>Renewable energy is included within the detail of the pledge: Support individuals,</li> </ul>

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<p>key issue that should be reflected more strongly than “promoting efficient use of water and energy”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are many references to adapting to climate change, which in itself requires further explanation. If this refers to managing and reducing the impact of climate change on our environment it should say so as adapting to climate change suggests accepting the inevitable rather than trying to influence it. The focus on impact should equally apply to addressing flooding risks under priorities for the future.</li> <li>• Disposing of waste in landfill sites is not sustainable for several reasons, not just its effect on greenhouse emissions. A primary concern is the speed at which landfill sites are being filled, and yet this is not mentioned under “limiting our carbon emissions”. Further explanation should also be offered about the benefits of the proposed plant at either Ardley or Sutton Courtney, which will presumably provide energy efficient and sustainable heat and power for the grid.</li> </ul>		<p>communities and businesses to respond to climate change and to improve efficiency in their use of energy and water.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This does mean managing and reducing the impact of climate change on our environment.</li> <li>• We will expand this section to include the main concern “that it is the speed at which landfill sites are being filled”</li> <li>• We have mentioned that the plants will provide electricity for the grid and potentially combined heat and power- we feel this is enough detail to be included in the strategy.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The building on flood plains and reduction of rain water absorption by open land and wooded areas lost to housing and factory building has left to increased flood risk in Oxford City and southern parts of SODC and Vale. This has removed possibility of home insurance from some householders. Waste recycling needs to be increased and alternative energy sources exploited. Initiatives to make Oxfordshire a low plastics county should be sought</li> </ul>	Voluntary community and faith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will be working with the environment agency and district councils to ensure new developments reduce the risk and minimise the impact of flooding.</li> <li>• One of the Partnerships key pledges is to “reduce waste and increase re-use and recycling by households and businesses”.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We would have liked to see more linking up with national grant schemes aimed at residents who wish to improve the overall efficiency of their homes. There are numerous small companies</li> </ul>	Voluntary community and faith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a good point – we have made reference to this in the summary version of the strategy on this</li> </ul>

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<p>in Oxford that provide solar electricity and water heating equipment that is out with the budget of many but may be more accessible with part grant funding.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a pledge to minimise the risk of flooding but when considering the flood plain problems highlighted in the attached news cutting, it seems any such pledge is unenforceable and meaningless. The Parish Council request the County and District Council support their campaign for better flood plain management by these Authorities and Environment Agency, in particular over keeping culverts free of obstructions that interfere with flood water discharging though.</li> </ul>	<p>Parish Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One of the longer term actions is to support the district councils to ensure new developments reduce the risk and minimise the impact of flooding and to ensure all flooding alleviation schemes planned by local authorities are implemented.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using resources efficiently and reducing waste are economically critical to business. A world class economy needs efficient businesses and there will be increasing emphasis on this as commodity prices and cost of land-fill increase. Supporting our businesses to be efficient with resources is part of them becoming and remaining world class. There should be more emphasis on the economy in this objective for the strategy.</li> <li>In addition, the economic and business opportunity of new technologies in this area should not be overlooked.</li> <li>Transport is not mentioned in this objective - surely an oversight. Transport impacts in so many areas; location of businesses, travel to work, food miles, access to services etc etc.</li> </ul>	<p>Oxfordshire Economic Partnership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will be encouraging and working with businesses via the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership.</li> </ul>
<p><u>Page 22</u> – “aspirations” – reducing the carbon footprint and reducing urban sprawl are important aims and these can most easily be realised by opposing the development of edge of town</p>	<p>Town Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specific reference to Banbury will be referenced in the local sustainable community strategy which the Cherwell Community Planning Partnership are</li> </ul>

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<p>large housing estates.</p> <p>“We pledge to” – recognition should be given to the efforts of Cherwell District Council to mitigate flooding through its work in striving to bring forward the Banbury Flood Alleviation scheme,.</p> <p><u>Page 23</u> – “Disposing of waste” – Banbury residents, through the community leadership shown by Cherwell District Council, should be held up as exemplars in reducing Oxfordshire’s domestic waste levels.</p>		<p>developing.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would rather see the ‘future priorities’ section referred to as ‘key priorities we will continue to address’</li> <li>• The measure ‘Oxfordshire’s natural and built environment preserved’ is very subjective. This needs to be made more measurable.</li> <li>• <b>Environment Agency’s key priorities</b></li> </ul> <p>The Key priorities we will be working to address in Oxfordshire are very much in line with those of the ‘Oxfordshire 2030’ plan. The objectives we want to achieve are outlined below (more detail in response submitted):</p> <p><b><i>Managing flood risk</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Influencing sustainable development</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Improving the water environment</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Managing waste as a resource</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Managing incidents and emergencies</i></b></p>	<p>Environment Agency</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This has been amended to key priorities</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are concerned to continue improving the natural environment for the benefit of local residents and visitors alike and see the extension of volunteering (e.g. Green Gym) as an essential element – an area where we have already been successful.</li> <li>• The clearance of litter outside the town centre area by WODC is a sphere where we would like to see an improved standard of</li> </ul>	<p>Town Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have passed the comment about litter to West Oxfordshire District Council.</li> </ul>

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<p>performance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We support the attention to solar energy in house building programmes.</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The importance of the historic environment is acknowledged on page 23. The MLA sector can also make its own contribution as part of the community to this aspect of sustainability and to communicating key messages and providing information about these issues: <a href="http://www.museumsassociation.org/sustainability">http://www.museumsassociation.org/sustainability</a></li> </ul>	<p>Museums, Libraries Archives Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We welcome the contribution MLA can make.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TVP believes that an opportunity has been missed here as this section could, without much difficulty, be modified to incorporate references to the knock-on effects that a high quality built environment (including both the public and private realm) can have in terms of environmental, economic and community benefits. TVP strongly advocates the adoption of Secured by Design award scheme principles and would like to see a reference to the benefits of adopting those principles.</li> </ul>	<p>Thames Valley Police</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have passed this comment on to your local development team – as this is important for the next stage of Local Development Frameworks.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In relation to the “Environment and Climate Change” section, I welcome the commitment to (apparently) a 50% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, although there is some question as to whether that is good enough to avoid very damaging climate change. I also welcome the strong commitment to waste reduction, but remain to be convinced that incineration is the best initial direction.</li> </ul>	<p>Resident</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is particularly important as it will have a major impact on the other objectives.</li> </ul>	<p>Parish Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pledge 18. Add 'including dealing with weeds on pathways, cycleways and roadways'</li> </ul>	<p>Town Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have passed this comment on to the highways agency</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pledge to increase both domestic and commercial use of solar panels and wind generators; make planning consent a priority for</li> </ul>	<p>Parish Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will pass this comment to the Environment Partnership.</li> </ul>

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use of alternative power generation technologies		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Oxfordshire partnership plan covers many issues that we support, such as reduction in waste disposal to landfill sites and improved recycling, preservation of our environment including our green areas, and ensuring high environmental standards for new developments. What it does not seem to address is the need to ensure that ambitious growth plans and the need for new housing, do not adversely affect the rural and built environments that give Oxfordshire its character and provide valuable recreational resources for the community.</li> <li>• A second omission from the plan is the need to reduce our dependence on cars. This requires both that services (shops, schools, medical facilities, and a range of employment opportunities) are available where they are needed, and that a practical public transport service is available to allow people to access services that are not available locally.</li> <li>• In particular, the Watlington area needs to have a better public transport links with other centres to ensure a vibrant and sustainable community. There are villages around us which do not have any services of their own and rely on the services from Watlington. We note that Watlington qualifies for an hourly service to Oxford, albeit heavily subsidized, and the current service is just adequate to allow anyone to get anyone to work in Oxford and back again, but there is no satisfactory commuter service to any other population and employment centres, including those in adjacent counties.</li> <li>• The plan for 2030 should include significantly increased use of public transport for travel to work as a key objective, as it is only</li> </ul>	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oxfordshire County Council is working with employers in developing workplace travel action plans and school travel plans.</li> </ul>

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<p>through public sector support for a workable transport infrastructure that people can be enticed out of their cars.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Protect and enhance the biodiversity of the county</u> [page 15] – The Council agrees with suggestions offered.</li> </ul>	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated Transport issues should be a much higher priority for the County Council Depletion of oil supplies and the effect of this on transport is not even considered.</li> </ul>	Town Cllr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detailed reference to transport issues is picked up within the County Council’s Local Transport Plan.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The key issues of the chapter fail to highlight the importance of biodiversity and the threats that face Oxfordshire’s wildlife from increasing development pressure, changes in agricultural practices and climate change. We suggest the addition of a key issue, with wording “Protecting and enhancing biodiversity, and tackling habitat fragmentation”.</li> <li>• Within ‘Protecting the environment’ we suggest extra information is provided to outline the Conservation Target Area approach to landscape scale nature conservation across the county, which has the support of the county biodiversity partnership.</li> <li>• The statement “<i>almost everyone in Oxfordshire has access to wildlife through....</i>” Is incorrect. Research shows that 0% of households in Oxfordshire meet all the requirements of the Accessible Natural Greenspace Standard. This deficit of accessible natural greenspace is an issue that the plan should address.</li> <li>• We suggest that identifying biodiversity as a key issue it should be addressed by the future priorities. Eg. A future priority might be to ensure adequate protection and suitable management of designated nature conservation sites and to extend, buffer and link these sites.</li> </ul>	Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protecting and enhancing biodiversity has been added as a key issue.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As a measurement of success Oxfordshire’s environment should be ‘enhanced’ in line with the aims of the national and Biodiversity Action Plans and identified in the SE Plan</li> </ul>		
<p>More explanation is needed of ‘adapting to climate change’ – the term suggests accepting climate change rather than doing anything to try and influence it.</p> <p>The pledge to ‘reduce the carbon emissions from public sector organisations and to set an example for businesses and other in the county’ does not go far enough, and should include support and encouragement for residents and businesses to do the same.</p> <p>Whilst our villages do need to be preserved there needs to be an acknowledgement that preservation isn’t just keep things as they are, some villages need development in order to maintain the level of services that currently exist. Amend pledge to ‘preserve and enhance the character of the City, our market towns and villages’.</p> <p>Need to make mention of use of renewable energy resources, suggest adding an additional sentence under ‘limiting our carbon emissions’ at the end of the second paragraph to read ‘The use of renewal sources of energy also need to be explored.’</p> <p>With the same argument as the point above under ‘how will we measure success’ change the last bullet point to read ‘Oxfordshire’s natural and built environment preserved and enhanced’.</p>	District council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explanation has been added</li> <li>This pledge has been expanded to include “and encourage residents and businesses to do the same”</li>   <li>This point has been amended</li>   <li>This has been added.</li>   <li>This has been added</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landfill and waste sites not adequately covered</li> <li>Need to better reflect the need to adapt to climate change</li> </ul>	District LSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green targets need to be more specific locality wise</li> <li>• Suggest the section reflects more fully the environmental section of the RES – it does mention carbon reductions but not the RES targets and makes no mention of renewable energy.</li> <li>• Suggest that the pledges include an additional reference to the promotion of renewable energy.</li> <li>• Suggest you add a section on ‘adapting to climate change’ which would enable you to make the case for managing flood risk, reducing water demand, preparing for heat waves and even to consider the impact on the county’s biodiversity.</li> <li>• Suggest that renewables delivery be added as an additional priority.</li> <li>• Suggest that the success measures be quantified, reflecting the RES targets and include a renewable energy success target.</li> </ul>	<p>South East England Development Agency</p>	<p>These comments will be passed to the Environment Partnership for consideration when developing their strategy and local targets for the delivery plan.</p>
<b>Delivery Plan</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a need for it to be made clearer throughout the delivery plan who is taking responsibility for what actions</li> <li>• 2030 is a long way off and more interim targets are needed so progress can be effectively monitored</li> <li>• Some of the aims are expressed comparatively rather than as absolutes</li> <li>• The social inclusion part of the delivery plan only includes extracts of pledges and actions included under other key objectives. This is duplication and not very useful.</li> <li>• Rather than having District Annexes for the delivery plan perhaps these should be integrated through the general text</li> </ul>	<p>District Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This has been made clearer within the delivery plan</li> <li>• Our strategy will be delivered through 3 year targets that are in our LAA (short term), key targets which are important locally and not in the local area agreement and local action plans based on the district local strategy action plans. Therefore there is a mix of shorter and longer term targets.</li> <li>• Breaking the cycle of deprivation has now been included as a cross cutting issue</li> </ul>

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		<p>therefore avoiding duplication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We feel that it is important to keep the district annexes separate as members of the public may be interested to see what Oxford City, for example, is specifically doing and this is easier to see in a separate annex.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I think the Council could provide guidance on involvement. The measures are good. Revising them periodically would be advisable. In particular areas of weakness it would be encouraging if targets could be made more ambitious over time and also if those affecting vulnerable groups, such as 'cared for children' or offenders could be looked at from a more 'overall' perspective.</li> </ul>	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guidance on how to get involved in the work of the partnership will be included in the final version of the strategy.</li> <li>The Delivery plan will be monitored annually and reviewed every three years – so we will be able to review how ambitious we are being. The annual review will be available on our website <a href="http://www.oxfordshirepartnership.org.uk">www.oxfordshirepartnership.org.uk</a></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Too jargon-packed to deal with</li> </ul>	Voluntary community and faith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will ensure the final version is in Plain English.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I feel they are appropriate and as an officer for Cherwell, we will be helping to deliver this plan.</li> </ul>	District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We look forward to working with Cherwell District Council in taking this work forward.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The measures are good so far as they go, but they fail to identify the crucial task of fighting white collar crime. I will press for this policy oversight to be rectified.</li> </ul>	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is not a priority that is specific to Oxfordshire and the police have not highlighted it as a priority</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I would like to contribute but have no idea how to become involved.</li> </ul>	District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How to get involved will be included in the final version of the strategy</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I notice that there is very little in the plan about young people with special educational needs and think something should be included. You have only looked at the social side but the educational and emotional needs should be addressed too.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a special educational needs handbook available for young people – please see the children, young people and families’ site on the Oxfordshire County Council website.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They feel very high-level and general.</li> </ul>	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you would like more information about what is going on in the area you live then please contact your relevant local authority as specific local actions are detailed in District Sustainable Community Strategies. Please see Oxfordshire 2030 for contact details.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I think they are fine.</li> </ul>	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>World Class Economy</u> –</li> <li>The medium term target to increase economic impact is welcome – however caution should be drawn to the Countywide Tourism Strategy as any work done should enhance existing key brands and not dilute them.</li> <li>The plan should reflect the fact that achieving the pledges will require support from all local authorities in the county, and should not cut across the District Council’s own priorities.</li> <li>Clarification is sought on how the target “to increase promotion of cultural and sporting events within tourism and increase the number of festivals/events with a national profile” will be measured and who will be responsible for doing so. There should be an acknowledgement of the Oxfordshire Tourism Officers Forum.</li> </ul> <p><u>Healthy and thriving communities</u></p>	District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The partnership does not wish to dilute any existing work that is being done.</li> <li>The Partnership recognises that support will be required from all the local authorities in the county to achieving the pledge.</li> <li>We will acknowledge the Oxfordshire Tourism officers group in the final version.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The delivery plan has not been amended to reflect changes to the overall strategy document, and so the pledge to “work to sustain local services particularly in rural communities” is missing. As a result the strategy fails to acknowledge rural deprivation caused by the lack of services and difficulties accessing those that exist. Once the pledge is included there should also be proposed actions or measures to address it.</li> <li>The delivery plan contains specific reference to vulnerable groups and support for independent living, but does not currently reflect the necessary emphasis on the challenges posed by an ageing population. There appears to be no actions in the delivery plan specifically designed to alleviate poverty, ill health, isolation and the increased demand on services that will result.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This will be included within the delivery plan.</li> <li>The partnership recognises that one of the key challenges facing us all is the ageing population. This is highlighted in the Director of Public Health’s Annual Report and actions in the delivery plan such as extra care housing reflect this.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The delivery plan does not include measures that might advantage minority groups. It is not only Islamic women who feel more comfortable in single sex sessions for swimming or sports: but these sessions would need to be at suitable times and properly safeguarded and promoted.</li> <li>Similarly women’s clinics with female doctors and practitioners are needed at GP surgeries, hospitals, dentists, opticians and would cater for a much wider constituency than Muslim women.</li> <li>The development of proper infrastructure should precede all house/accommodation building and be conditional to even modest projects.</li> </ul>	Voluntary community and Faith sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We suggest you contact your relevant local authority as some swimming pools have women only sessions and with regards to your GP then you can request to see a female GP.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The delivery plan was clear and comprehensive. We have some concerns about the ‘target driven’ nature of the objectives; in</li> </ul>	Voluntary community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The delivery plan is being further developed and contains a mixture of perception based</li> </ul>

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<p>particular where the targets are number related which is most obvious in the young persons section. We welcome the areas where targets are assessed by the communities self assessment of their position. E.g. improve people’s satisfaction with their local neighbourhoods.</p>	<p>and faith</p>	<p>indicators as well as target driven objectives you mention. The need for both types is acknowledged by the Partnership</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duplication should be reduced to the minimum and initiatives which cannot be measured or quantified should not be included.</li> </ul>	<p>Parish Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any target which cannot be measured or quantified has not been included. Targets have only been included if they can be achieved through partnership working – not “business as usual” for the public sector or any organisation acting alone – this will therefore avoid duplication.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duplications noted - Page 6 . sec 3. Educational attainment, etc. LAA Targets NI 117,81, 163,164,72,etc. All these targets are repeated word-for-word on page 19. sec.21.</li> </ul> <p>Page 9. sec 6. work with local people, etc...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Improve overall/general satisfaction of residents with the local area. LAA target NI 5</li> <li>b) Increase the number of people who feel they are treated fairly. LAA target NI 140</li> </ul> <p><b>Both of these sections are repeated on page 21 but suggest they should be deleted as targets because there is no way by which they can be realistically measured.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) Remainder of this section is also repeated word-for word on page 21 under <b>Regeneration of local communities</b> - again with</li> </ul>	<p>Parish Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These duplications have been checked and amended.</li> <li>• These are national indicators with defined methods for measurement by government. They are measured through the Place Survey (biannual residents’ survey).</li> </ul>

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<p>different Lead partnerships listed.</p> <p>Page 9. sec 7. Tackle crime and anti-social behaviour – virtually entire section repeated on page 22 sec 23, under the same heading and with same Lead Partnership.</p> <p>Pages 10 &amp; 11 . sec 9. Opportunities for a good start in life. LAA Targets NI 62, 110, 112. LAA1/ CYP4,7,10,11 &amp; 13 - all repeated word-for-word on pages 18 &amp;19.</p> <p>Page 11. sec 10. support and opportunities for independent living. LAA Targets NI 141,131, 135, 156, 155, 175 all repeated word-for-word on page 18 – different Lead Partnerships quoted.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insufficient reference to transport in the delivery plan. The proposed new stations for Grove and Kidlington are not mentioned. There is no reference to the new platforms at Oxford station, re-signalling between Oxford and Didcot, railway electrification, through trains between Oxford and Marylebone via the proposed Bicester chord or light railway to Witney and Carterton.</li> </ul>	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have strengthened the text on transport within the strategy and there is reference to the developments at the Rail Stations.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Town and Parish Councils are not specifically mentioned</li> <li>Composition of the Health &amp; Well-being Partnership is not clear</li> <li>Role for Town and Parish Councils to contribute to carbon reduction schemes</li> <li>Access to services target is not well aligned to the County Council’s bus strategy and approach to subsidies</li> <li>Educational achievement and skills levels pledge does not take account of older people who may have missed out of early</li> </ul>	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Town and parish councils are mentioned within the strategy and are a key partner in helping to take this work forward.</li> <li>For further information on the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership then please see the partnership website which you can access from <a href="http://www.oxfordshirepartnership.org.uk">www.oxfordshirepartnership.org.uk</a></li> </ul>

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education		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Page 3 – “criteria for agreeing targets and actions” - talks about the many strategies and plans in the County but locally we feel there is a need for an out of County, “Banburyshire” strategy, that would reflect the differences Banbury has to Henley or Oxford and the cross border issues faced.</li> <li>• Page 5 – “World Class Economy pledges” –How relevant is the West End development outside of Oxford?</li> <li>• Page 6 – “Tackle traffic congestion” – see earlier comments. Oxford-centric slant again in evidence with references to making improvements to Junction 9 of the M40 (Oxford’s junction) and “Access to Oxford” in the longer term objectives. There is a local perception that a new Junction 10A, between Ardley and Banbury, would help to relieve congestion for both Banbury and Bicester.</li> </ul> <p>Page 9 – “Healthy &amp; Thriving Communities pledges” – the Town Council would be opposed to the development of Area Committees. Outside of the City we have parish and town councils to fulfil these roles.</p> <p>Page 10 – “Increase the participation of diverse communities” – this should be done through engagement with town and parish councils.</p> <p>“Increase the number of children who are accessing support</p>	Town Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is an issue for the Cherwell Local Community Strategy.</li> <li>• We have strengthened the text on transport within the strategy.</li> <li>• We will share this feedback with our district colleagues.</li> <li>• Parish and town councils have a vital role to play in delivering Oxfordshire 2030.</li> </ul>

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<p>through children’s centres” – the County Council needs to properly resource Family Centres rather than placing a reliance on other agencies such as Banbury Town Council to support them through grant aid.</p> <p>Page 11 – “Reduce the number of households in temporary accommodation” – but where temporary accommodation is needed this should be sufficient to cater for the needs of the local population without referrals being made to other towns. Taking vulnerable people out of their own communities can only add to their isolation and sense of alienation.</p> <p>“Increase the number of people who access services and facilities by public transport” – recognition needs to be given to the importance of sustaining and improving cross boundary transport links.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We feel NI8 is very appropriate within the Healthy and Thriving Communities section. The Oxfordshire Sports Partnership are committed to delivering on NI8. As increasing physical activity has been seen nationally as a 20 year project to get it to comparable levels elsewhere in Europe it could be appropriate to include increasing and widening participation in physical activity, sport and active recreation as a longer term objective.</li> </ul>	Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a risk that, by relying on the Safer Communities Partnership as the lead body and not making explicit reference to the way in which other authorities can help deliver on the targets (i.e. through the LDF process and other strategies), the issue will be side-lined rather than given the prominence it commands.</li> </ul>	Thames Valley Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other lead bodies have been identified.</li> </ul>

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<p>Therefore TVP considers that other bodies should be identified with responsibility for delivery on these targets including the various Districts and the City Council (through their Community Safety Strategies, Sustainable Community Strategies and LDFs).</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Document sets targets and says what they want to do but no real detail is included</li> <li>• "Feeling of identity and sense of place" as an aim is not synonymous with the new town proposals.</li> </ul>	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further detail has been added to the delivery plan. An annual review will be published detailing progress against these targets.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environment and climate change, Pledge 16: Incentives should be added for encouraging owners to construct house (or building) extensions and alterations to high environmental standards. This could then become a medium term target, rather than leaving it as a long-term objective.</li> </ul>	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The medium and longer-term objectives are still being developed by partners.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will all be held accountable for delivering the Oxfordshire 2030 strategy. While we agree that we need to be ambitious we have a responsibility to partners and the community to be realistic and not promise things we know we can never deliver. In particular the pledge to be the safest county; the nature of Oxfordshire means we are highly unlikely to ever have the lowest crime rate in the country because some areas will by nature always be safer.</li> </ul>	District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a long term strategy and want to be ambitious therefore we have included the pledge on “Oxfordshire to be the safest County” – the strategy and delivery plan will be regularly reviewed so this will be reviewed.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We note the delivery plan, but feel that to large extent there is little new in it. To a large extent it is restatement of the goals and targets that already exist, with very little idea of how the partnership is going to help in achieving them or what they will do that is not already being done by the various organisations and groups within the partnership.</li> </ul>	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The delivery plan contains three year targets which are in our local area agreement but also key targets which are important locally and not in the local area agreement.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A general concern is that the listing of lead partnerships against</li> </ul>	District LSP	The lead partnerships against each pledge have

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<p>each pledge seems inconsistent. For example, local authorities are identified against pledge six, and pledge 23 but not against other pledges where they will have a key role to play in delivering the pledges and targets set, for example pledge four. The Sports Partnership is not listed against pledge 11 even though this includes target NI 8 (increase adult participation in sport.).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District CDRPs need to be included as lead partnerships against pledges seven and 22 as they will be responsible for delivering on these locally.</li> <li>• Although district LSPs will be focusing upon different areas of work according to local priorities there are some pledges that they could be making a significant contribution to, or leading on locally. For SOP, these include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pledge six and 23 – SOP is developing its role in the area of community-led planning and will be leading on supporting groups in developing and implementing their plans.</li> <li>▪ Pledge 13 – SOP has developed a carbon action plan which commits partner organisation to specific actions including reduction in emissions from their own operations and promoting and encouraging reduction in energy use amongst businesses communities in South Oxfordshire.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		<p>been revised.</p> <p>Reference to district CDRPs have been included.</p> <p>We agree that district LSPs should be included as lead partnerships and this has been amended.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The delivery plan accompanying this document only has targets and no indication of how these are to be delivered. Whilst we appreciate that this is difficult for the longer-term objectives we feel that the medium term targets should have some indication as</li> </ul>	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The delivery plan has been updated to show the indicators for targets and how they will be delivered.</li> </ul>

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<p>to how they would be achieved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pledge number 5 only mentions the East West Rail project being delivered in the Longer-term objectives, it makes no mention of re-opening Grove rail station to reduce congestion. We believe that this should be included as an objective.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have amended the plan accordingly.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oxfordshire Play Partnership is working with all local authorities (including parish and town councils) and relevant VCS organisations to increase and improve play opportunities. It is important that the Delivery Plan references this work to assist in attracting national recognition and resources as well as galvanising partnership work. The Oxfordshire Outside Campaign is about to be launched by the County Council and will be steered by a partnership group seeking support from a wide range of organisations and which, again, would benefit from clear direction from the delivery plan.</li> </ul>	Play Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This has been included within the strategy.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We support the targets identified under section 19. we see no reason why the implementation of conservation target areas could not be brought forward as a medium term instead of a long term target since the implementation of these areas by the county biodiversity partnership is already underway.</li> </ul>	Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The delivery plan has been amended</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Much stronger and more explicit links needed to District Sustainable Community Strategies.</li> <li>• Will need to incorporate suggested amendments above.</li> <li>• Need to ensure lines up with Strategy – currently some anomalies.</li> <li>• Need to ensure all pledges are supported by targets.</li> <li>• Need to avoid the use of acronyms e.g. page 5 – GVA?</li> </ul>	District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further reference has been added with regards to the role of district LSPs.</li> <li>• The strategy and delivery plan have been revised to take account of the points below.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to update some points e.g. some schemes now no longer relevant</li> </ul> <p>Too Oxford-centric.                      More needed around education and skills.                      Mention of ‘mid’ as well as ‘high’ tech industries.                      Need to better reflect the current economic climate and unemployment targets for the medium term.                      ‘Green’ targets need to be more geographically based.</p> <p>P6, bottom row, junction 10 should be mentioned along with junction 9.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would help to clarify what timescale “A longer term objective” covers</li> <li>• Objectives could benefit from the SMART test</li> </ul> <p><u>World class economy:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pledges do not consistently relate to medium term and longer term objectives in a meaningful way. E.g. pledge 1 “collaborate across public, voluntary sectors” is not specific enough. This pledge is effectively the reason for an LSP and is not specific to any single objective. Why do objectives of increasing GVA and increase economic impact of tourism fit here?</li> <li>• Some of the medium term/longer term objectives are mentioned in the delivery plan but are either not discussed in the main strategy or given sufficient attention.</li> <li>• Objectives do not cover the breadth of all the major issues – e.g little information on employment land, inward investment, business support, job creation etc.</li> </ul> <p><u>Healthy and thriving communities:</u></p>	<p>South East                      England                      Development                      Agency</p>	<p>The delivery plan has been amended</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments about culture and sport need to be connected more strongly to the pledges and to the action plan.</li> <li>• The main strategy document discusses the importance of culture and sport to a thriving environment but on looking at the delivery plan there does not seem to be much support for culture and sport. The main support is under the heading of world class economy, and these are only long term. Would welcome an indication of mid-term delivery in this area.</li> <li>• Healthy and thriving communities only contains a couple of long term commitments to a) increase participation in sport by young people and b) increase access to positive activities to young people – we would like to see more reflection of the wording in the strategy document and actions that support the importance of developing culture and sports activities.</li> <li>• Reducing inequalities - Contains the mid term action to increase young people’s participation in positive activities echoing the healthy and thriving communities action, but bringing it forward into mid-rather than long term action. This could encompass a cultural aspect.</li> </ul> <p><u>Environment and climate change:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intro section should reflect any changes made in the plan such as including a section of renewable energy.</li> <li>• Some of the entries in the table appear to be targets and others appear to be the actions to deliver the targets.</li> <li>• Good to see the LAA targets</li> <li>• SEEDA would like to support community projects not just to</li> </ul>		<p>Further reference has been included on the importance of culture and sports activities.</p> <p>We have included reference to renewable energy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many villages are now aiming to become zero carbon often through community led</li> </ul>

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<p>reduce water demand but also to reduce energy demand through wide-spread retrofitting of existing houses, both privately owned and social housing.</p> <p><u>Reducing inequalities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrate comments made in the section of the main strategy on financial and digital inclusion.</li> </ul>		<p>planning. It would be useful to know what SEEDA can do to help these areas.</p>
<b>Any other comments</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The strategy and delivery plan neither fully represent the parts and place of the county, particularly the market towns, nor reflect the role of district councils and local strategic partnership in delivering the long-term benefits for the county outlined as identified in the strategy.</li> <li>Strategy needs to recognise the important role of the District councils in spatial planning through their core strategies, local development frameworks, and their powers and duties in regard to housing development, economic development and regeneration.</li> <li>Need to strengthen the links between the strategy, the pledges and measurable targets for delivering the strategy, particularly at a local level.</li> <li>A need to give greater recognition to local variances e.g. issues and solutions relating to educational attainment, transport etc will be very different across the county.</li> <li>LSPs will play an important role in supporting agencies to identify these local needs and to address them accordingly. Assurance to</li> </ul>	<p>Joint response from Oxfordshire District Councils</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We hope that the local distinctiveness section of the strategy (which each district has written) addresses this.</li> <li>The important role of district councils in planning is recognised.</li> <li>The strategy and delivery plan have been revised to strengthen the link between the pledges and targets.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We expect this to take place as part of the review of partnerships.</li> </ul>

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<p>be provided that lead partnerships will work closely with LSPs where this currently does not happen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There needs to be a greater focus on parish councils as partners in delivery as this is the framework in 4 out of 5 districts</li> <li>• The draft delivery plan includes medium targets for the next 3 years and some longer term objectives. It is the District Council's view that some of these targets should be achievable in a shorter length of time and that the medium term objectives should be more clearly linked to the long term objectives.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We recognise the important role of town and parish councils in helping to deliver Oxfordshire 2030.</li> <li>• The delivery plan has been revised</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The entire set of documents needs to be rewritten in plain English.</li> </ul>	Voluntary community faith sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will ensure that the final document is written in plain English.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you for asking</li> </ul>	Residents and LA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerned that the area could be spoilt by the massive growth in certain areas, Oxfordshire should pride itself on its 'rural' status, it's the reason that people like living in and visiting the area!</li> </ul>	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is not the intention – very proud of our built environment and aim to keep it that way.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a useful document for the county and of course a good initiative for all of us to work together.</li> </ul>	Voluntary community faith sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is perplexing to see no adequate treatment (as far as I can see) of the cultural industries, especially historical heritage and the arts, which are very significant factors in Oxfordshire and act as major income-earners (perhaps the major earners).. I think that heritage / culture needs a section of its own.</li> </ul>	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We recognise the importance of heritage/culture and it is included within the delivery plan. The text on culture has also been strengthened within the document.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All elements of the strategy and delivery plan should be “rural proofed” to ensure that they properly take account of the specific challenges faced by rural areas in the County.</li> </ul>	District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Point noted – we will discuss rural proofing the strategy with the partnership.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proper flood precautions are necessary in the areas where large housing projects are proposed and the insurability of domestic properties guaranteed by developers whose projects have adversely affected them.</li> </ul>	Voluntary community faith sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will be working with the environment agency and district councils to ensure new developments reduce the risk and minimise the impact of flooding.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Both the strategy and the delivery plan should be as concise as possible, ‘User friendly’, written in easily understandable language...</li> </ul>	Parish/ OALC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will ensure that the final document is written in plain English.</li> </ul>
<p><u>Local Distinctiveness section:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There should be consistency in respect of the units of measurement used in the section on ‘Local Distinctiveness’ – page 29 onwards. For instance the areas covered by Cherwell and the Vale are quoted in kilometres, whereas S. Oxfordshire is in Square miles. No area is quoted for West Oxfordshire but its population is given as 1.4 per hectares. It would be reasonable to quote all areas in square miles.</li> </ul>	Parish/ OALC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will ensure that in the final version there is consistency in respect of the units of measurement used.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is little dispute over the main strategic objectives, which appear to be Government driven, but there seems a lot of duplication between the recently Secretary of State’s SE England Regional Plan Amendments and various District Planning. Would not one consultation with regional variances be enough for consultation, so as to reduce bureaucracy?</li> </ul> <p><b>Understanding Oxfordshire</b> The percentage quoted for non-white ethnic minority population should be updated from the quoted 2001 level to at least give a 2007 figure and predicted to the future planning dates. The figures should also quote other immigrants coming from Europe as well as other Countries, which is helping to exacerbate the housing problems.</p>	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unfortunately there are a number of statutory requirements on us to consult. We have worked with our district colleagues where possible to have joint consultation arrangements in order to reduce bureaucracy.</li> <li>We will discuss this with the Oxfordshire Data Observatory.</li> </ul>

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<p>The Partnership Report does not seem to cover countryside, agriculture and conservation of wildlife/wetland matters, which are important in partnership planning for the future of Oxfordshire.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The strategy is too ambitious. It does not appear to relate to local specifics.</li> </ul>	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Oxfordshire 2030 is the countywide strategy. The district community strategies will have more of a focus on local specifics. Please contact your relevant local authority for further information.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Why not consider a community strategic group i.e. those groups of residents and community groups who are not represented by OCVS or ORCC or other vol/com umbrella groups. These groups are likely to be community or neighbourhood associations representing localities rather than cross area interests.</li> <li>● Little is said about processes of accountability and monitoring/evaluation. What will be put in place to ensure that any plans made are subject to local assessment and comment?</li> <li>● Page 4 refers to four main strands in the strategy (3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph down) but only three appear to be evident.</li> <li>● The partnership arrangements include the great and the good but there may be significant gaps e.g. in trade union representation, local community/neighbourhood groups. Could the strategy not bed partnership arrangements in other more local forms of representation e.g. Locality Teams and priority areas. How can partnership be made to work where it counts, where it might have real impact – at local level</li> <li>● What quality of life indicators will be used to review action being taken – and who determines what the indicators should be?</li> </ul>	County Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There is further work to do in terms of developing partnerships and forums for engagement with the voluntary and community sector – at district and county levels.</li> <li>● The Oxfordshire partnership is currently undergoing a major review of governance including evaluation and accountability issues.</li> <li>● Noted.</li> <li>● The Oxfordshire partnership is currently undergoing a major review of governance including membership and representation.</li> <li>● Partnerships are still developing SMART targets and indicators which are drawn from the national Indicator set or QoL indicators – where none are appropriate partnerships are asked to devise suitable indicators .</li> <li>● Noted. A subject for further discussion.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The strategy does have a comprehensive approach but tends to lack innovative zing – what, if anything, is different about this future strategy? For instance, it says little about the culture of the county, its creativity and diversity. A gap evident in the vision statement.</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is no reference to TPCs at all and no sense that they could be involved</li> <li>Please reflect their role and that of their day-to-day involvement with their constituents. All of the material in the Strategy and Delivery plan will need explaining at the grass roots if it is to be effective</li> </ul>	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We recognise the key role of town and parish councils in helping to deliver Oxfordshire 2030 and they have been referenced in the text. We would like to encourage town and parish councils to help lead on and encourage community led planning within their community, this will help to feed into Oxfordshire Partnerships strategic and service planning.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Local Distinctiveness</b> It is disappointing that this section of Oxfordshire 2030 does not have a specific feedback section, nevertheless there are comments to be made on this section.</p> <p>It is unclear what the purpose of this section is as there is no introduction or explanation. The presumption is that as each of the areas has its own sustainable communities strategy that this section seeks to capture the essence of these. A number of the local strategies are out to consultation currently so presumably these priorities may be developed. Below, the areas are listed with, what seems to be, key missing areas of focus.</p> <p><b>Cherwell</b> No reference to the economy</p>	Oxfordshire Economic Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An introduction has now been added to this section.</li> <li>These points have been shared with the relevant districts.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Oxford City</b> No reference to skills and education</p> <p><b>South Oxfordshire</b> No reference to high tech economy, activity at Harwell, association with Quadrant, R&amp;D, world class economy</p> <p><b>Vale of White Horse</b> No reference to world class economy, Quadrant, High tech activity</p> <p><b>West Oxfordshire</b> No reference to skills &amp; education</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should be greater consistency in relation to the lay out of each section</li> <li>• Document needs to have clear links between the statistical evidence, the pledges and actions</li> </ul> <p>Understanding Oxfordshire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include an overview of the economy</li> <li>• Add in “however, there are also pockets of deprivation”</li> </ul> <p>Delivering results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Could be strengthened to include the issue of local diversity and the role of District LSPs and Local Development Frameworks.</li> </ul> <p>Planning for better places to live, learn and work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Para 4 – delete and replace with “An Inspection Panel recommended a review of the green belt south of the city”</li> <li>• Para 6 – LDF’s – LDFs are more broadly focused than noted and will be an essential tool to deliver the needs of local communities</li> <li>• Para 9 – employment – It is stated that Oxford development for employment will take place mainly on previously developed land.</li> </ul>	<p>District Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The strategy has been revised in order to ensure greater consistency.</li>   <li>• This will be amended to reflect the role of the District LSPs and the LDFs.</li>   <li>• This has been amended.</li>   <li>• We have included the comments about LDF.</li> </ul>

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<p>This should state 'will take place in the West End Development, the Northern Gateway and potentially the science park to the south of the city'</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Included</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We warmly welcome Oxfordshire 2030 and the Oxfordshire Sports Partnership has a strategy, structure and capacity to support its delivery. You may also want to include reference to the 2012 Olympics as we have previously fed back and you acknowledged in the initial response.</li> <li>• We are pleased to see the promotion of healthy lifestyles as a pledge within the section. However we feel that this could be enhanced by including 'increasing participation in physical activity, sport and active recreation' as a pledge. This would tie into NI8 and the paragraph in the 'A sense of community' section which highlights the benefits of physical activity and sport. If this is not a pledge this could be included in 'Our challenges are to' section perhaps.</li> <li>• We would welcome including the Oxfordshire Sports Partnership as a partnership to develop the theme, in view of NI8.</li> </ul>	<p>Sports Partnership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oxfordshire Sports Partnership has been included as a lead partnership in helping to develop the theme.</li> </ul>
<p>The County Council Community Development Team made a detailed response about how the team's work supports the pledges of Oxfordshire 2030 in particular to the Healthy and Thriving Communities theme.</p>	<p>County Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We appreciate the team's response and the strong alignment between its work and the priorities in the strategy. We will pass details of your contribution onto the relevant Partnerships</li> </ul>
<p><b>Pages 12 - Planning for better places to live, learn and work.</b> Looking at the issues under this heading it would seem prudent to include a paragraph on flooding.</p>	<p>Environment Agency</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further information has been added on flooding.</li> </ul>
<p>Consequently TVP expects to see clear direction in the emerging SCS on the spatial planning issues that need to be addressed, who should be</p>	<p>Thames Valley Police</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted</li> </ul>

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<p>addressing them, how and when, and to see how the actions that follow cascade down through the other Plans and policies sitting beneath the SCS. Where it is not within the remit of the SCS to directly deliver an outcome, TVP expect to see clear guidance to the relevant bodies/authorities on how the outcome will be achieved, through which particular policy tool and who will be charged with delivering it.</p>		
<p>Motherhood and apple pie - this plan seems to plan to do it all but is it really possible? The level of paperwork that Parish Council's receive by way of consultation is becoming overwhelming and this is a classic example of promising it all but with no real chance of achieving it all.</p>	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oxfordshire 2030 is an important strategy as it sets out the long-term vision for the county.</li> <li>• We have received many comments from town and parish councils who welcomed the opportunity to comment.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The word 'military' is used to describe all the armed forces, although within the armed forces, it means the army. Given the strong RAF presence in Oxfordshire, I would prefer to see the strategy refer to the Armed Forces - and to mention RAF Benson which is strangely missing!</li> </ul>	County Cllr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have amended to include “armed forces”</li> <li>• RAF Benson is now included.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We are concerned that repetition still exists between some sections and think a consistent structure would help the reader and make it easier to identify the key priorities</li> <li>○ Would be useful to include an introduction to this section to explain that it is about land use planning rather than general planning for the future. so that the reader understands this section is about land use.</li> <li>○ South east Plan - the text now reflects the Central Oxfordshire sub region issue there is no mention of the panel recommendation. However, there are now proposed</li> </ul>	District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The strategy has been revised and a consistent structure is in place</li> <li>• We have included the comment about land use planning</li> <li>• This has been included</li> </ul>

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<p>modifications out for consultation. We suggest making reference to the South East plan and say that the SCS will be updated to reflect the final plan once approved by Government.</p>		
<p>o Thames Water believes that the section does not contain sufficient acknowledgement of the importance of securing new local and strategic infrastructure resources in achieving these long term objectives. The 'Natural Resources' sub section on page 12 merely refers to Thames Water's intention to implement the new reservoir near Abingdon, but the need for which 'is still being examined'. Whilst this is not factually incorrect, it fails to acknowledge the clear policy steer that is now contained within the draft South East Plan (in particular within Policy NRM3) that:</p> <p>a) Local authorities in general should now work with water companies and the EA to ensure the timely delivery of new strategic water resource options, and</p> <p>b) A new reservoir may be required to be operational in Oxfordshire over the lifetime of the Plan (by 2019/2020)</p> <p>Thames Water therefore believes that, in line with the many references made to the South East Plan more emphasis needs to be placed on the future importance of providing strategic water resources within the county over the next 20+ years (including the new reservoir).'</p>	Thames Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will discuss this with the Environment Partnership</li> </ul>
<p>o However the consultation documents have strong objectives, pledges and targets, but do not provide a clear idea of how the partnership will work in practice to deliver to these. Delegation of</p>	Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The delivery plan has been revised and now includes reference to indicators which show how the targets will be delivered.</li> </ul>

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<p>the targets and objectives to lead partnerships will not in itself ensure that the Oxfordshire of 2030 will offer an improved quality of life. As a parish council we are aware of the constraints and delays in achieving even fairly minor improvements, such as changes in traffic control, and do not see any indication in the partnership plan of how this will be improved</p>		
<p>Planning for better places to live learn and work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The section on Housing (P11/12) is inadequate as it stands. It does not register that, in addition to the ‘drift’ to the South East one of the big problems we are facing at present is that less people, on average, live in each housing unit and that we, therefore, need more houses per million of population. One reason is demographic change with more single people living alone, particularly in old age. This will be felt very strongly in many villages, which, if they have not built more houses, will be facing significant drops in their population with the resultant consequences for schools, pubs shops etc. This is compounded by the lack of affordable housing in many villages, which is already preventing young people, and young families from living in them. To maintain vibrant village life for the 50 per cent of our population who live in settlements of less than 10,000 people, the strategy should be seeking to foster small scale developments, appropriate to the size of the settlement, which are large enough to include some affordable housing, rather than focussing on big expansions linked to our towns.</li> <li>• Under the heading of community (page 12), it would be good to recognise that one of the needs of the elderly population will be residential care of one sort or another. The section on</li> </ul>	<p>District Local Strategic Partnership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The section on housing has been updated to reflect these points.</li> <li>• Planning for housing is the responsibility of District Local Authorities who are responsible for developing local development frameworks.</li> </ul>

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<p>demographic change is better on this issue and the two need to be tied together</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We note that under the housing section on pages 11-12 there is no mention of the proposed 2500+ houses at Grove. Does this mean that Grove is no longer a strategic growth point and that there will be no more housing for Grove?</li> <li>• Under the traffic congestion section on page 12 there is no mention of the re-opening of the railway station at Grove we believe that this should be specifically included. It would help to considerably reduce traffic between the area around Grove and Didcot and Oxford.</li> </ul>	<p>Parish Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific reference to Grove will be included in the Vales Community Strategy.</li> <li>• Reference has been made to Grove station</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Council believes that in all the delivery plans for the future there needs to be under each of the four strategic objectives a sufficient provision of long-term funding and the assurance of an adequate number of staff both paid and voluntary dedicated permanently in ensuring an effective connection with the local community of each parish. The past twenty years have seen a significant increase in the intention to provide local services but at the most local level of the local authority - the parish, feeling of separation and non-involvement has prevailed. Oxfordshire is surely a good example of how a worthwhile network of support could be effected. Emphasis in the Delivery Plan is laid on the role of the district but that is far too large a basic unit.</li> </ul>	<p>Parish Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnerships are required to ensure that all targets are fully resourced.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Larger Town Councils need to be included in the Partnership to enable them to contribute. These are extra comments to the Town Councils</li> </ul>	<p>Town Cllr</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Oxfordshire Partnership reviews its membership annually and OALC is included on the Partnership.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Please note that DCMS expect the SCS to include explicit reference to Play and that the County Council is currently bidding</li> </ul>	<p>Play Partnership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reference to Play is included within the strategy.</li> </ul>

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<p>for £2million to add to the £1million already secured to support play development.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For stronger partnership element have all LSPs chairmen signing up to the strategy in the foreword.</li> <li>○ Also emphasis on the role of district LSPs</li> <li>○ need to acknowledge that Oxford isn't the hub for all of Oxfordshire. To the north of the county people look to Banbury and further north not Oxford. Suggest sentence is changed to: 'The internationally famous city of Oxford is surrounded by numerous historic towns and villages set in beautiful countryside.'</li> </ul> <p>Locality needs to be recognised – Oxfordshire has a range of diverse communities and a “one-size fits all” approach or one based on county-wide averages would not be appropriate. Throughout the ‘how we will measure success’ sections reference is made to averages. Care is needed with averages as improving outcomes in one area will increase the average across the county but won't necessarily improve things in Cherwell. Suggest specific areas are targeted for improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Need to better reflect town and parish councils</li> <li>● Need to acknowledge current economic position</li> </ul> <p>P11 Planning for better places...</p> <p>Para 1 – mention should be made of the important links to neighbouring authorities as they can have a significant impact upon Oxfordshire. This is especially so in the north of the county. Suggest the second sentence is amended to read 'There is also a need to ensure that physical and social infrastructure – such as public transport, health services and schools – both within Oxfordshire and in neighbouring areas – are</p>	<p>District council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All district LSP Chairmen are signatories to the foreword</li> <li>● Further emphasis has been given on the role of district LSPs</li> <li>● The reference to Oxford as the “hub” has been amended</li> <li>● We feel that the local distinctiveness section (written by district councils) helps to recognise locality.</li> </ul>



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<p>documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is important to stress ‘bottom- up’ government</li> <li>• Homelessness needs to be included</li> </ul>		
<p>Many of the laudable aims would be achieved more readily if there was a more reasonable approach to population increase ( a 12% growth to 2026 is not consistent with maintaining quality of life at its present level and the allocation of new dwellings to Oxfordshire needs revision). Other matters which particularly affect the Vale of White Horse are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The AONB should be a full partner in decisions on development (infrastructure, housing) affecting its territory.</li> <li>2. A determined effort is needed to reduce increasing levels of pollution from noise (A34), light (car parks), air (Didcot Power Station), waste and water.</li> <li>3. The preservation of the 70 villages and hamlets in the Vale should be encouraged by facilitating conservation status where this is justified.</li> </ol>	<p>Parish Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have passed these comments on to our colleagues in the Vale of White Horse District Council.</li> </ul>