

Oxfordshire County Council's Local Transport Plan 3

News and information on the preparations for Oxfordshire's third Local Transport Plan.

What is a Local Transport Plan?

All transport authorities are required to produce a Local Transport Plan (LTP) in which they set their objectives and plans for developing transport in their area. Oxfordshire County Council is currently producing its third LTP (LTP3) which will cover the period 2011 to 2030.



Our progress so far...

- We worked with stakeholders to develop a set of objectives which were approved by Oxfordshire County Council's Cabinet in September 2009. These objectives are guiding the development of transport schemes, policies and scenarios for potential inclusion in the Plan.
- Stakeholder consultations have been carried out on possible schemes and policies, and are discussed below.
- We have also been developing the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) which will accompany the Plan.

Schemes and funding

A long list of potential transport schemes for inclusion in the Plan was compiled for consultation. This comprised schemes for each of the four different settlement types in the county (Oxford, larger towns, smaller towns and rural areas).

A six week consultation on the long list of schemes was held over November and December 2009. Stakeholders were invited to complete a questionnaire which asked whether there were any schemes that they would like added or removed from the list, as well as the reasons for their comments.

A total of 226 responses were received and just under 1,000 additional schemes were suggested for inclusion in the Plan.

An extended long list of schemes is available on request by contacting the LTP3 team (details on the last page).

The extended list of schemes will be assessed on a value for money basis against their ability to contribute to the approved LTP3 objectives. From this assessment a prioritised list of schemes will be produced for inclusion in the draft Plan which will be subject to further consultation later in the year.

The current economic climate and the associated strains on Local Authority budgets will impact on the LTP3 programme for at least the first 3-5 years. Prioritised schemes will be delivered as and when resources become available and cover the life of the Plan to 2030.



Policies

A draft set of transport policies were produced in light of the approved LTP3 objectives. These covered 19 transport topics, including cycling, road safety, bus services and disability.

A draft combined list of 75 policies extracted from the 19 transport topics were put to a stakeholder consultation which took place from 20 January to 21 February 2010. Stakeholders were asked to complete a questionnaire which asked for their comments on the policies, along with suggestions for any policies to be removed, combined or added in the Plan.

Around 150 responses were received to this consultation. In total over 1,000 comments were submitted thanks to all those who took part.



Policies consultation outcome...

Following the completion of the consultation, the LTP3 team carried out an analysis of all of the consultation responses and made changes to the draft list of policies in light of the comments received. Following this, 40 of the 75 policies were reworded, 8 policies were deleted and 8 new policies were added to the list.

The amended list of policies was presented to Oxfordshire County Council's Cabinet on the 16 March where they were approved. The approved list of policies can be accessed on line at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ltp.

We will use the approved policies as the basis of developing a draft LTP3 document, also taking into account comments received from the next consultation on the LTP3 scenarios (see page three for more details).

Scenarios

What are scenarios?

Scenarios are the overall approaches we could adopt to provide and prioritise transport investment in each settlement type (Oxford, larger towns, smaller towns and rural areas) over the next 20 years. Each scenario would be a combination of different transport measures, and would set out what the main focus of investment would be in each area. For example, one scenario might involve more investment in cycling and walking facilities, while another could mean more emphasis on better bus and rail travel. This would not rule out doing other types of scheme if there was an identified local need.

Using a model, we looked at the impact of a range of different scenarios on several indicators: accessibility on foot and cycle, accessibility by bus, climate change, road safety, air quality and the economy. This is supplemented by information on the environmental impact of scenarios assessed as part of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) process.



... Scenarios Consultation

Our consultation on scenarios will take place from **10th May to 20th June**. This will be your opportunity to comment on and help us identify the best scenarios to meet the agreed objectives for the different settlement types in Oxfordshire (Oxford, larger towns, smaller towns and rural areas). You will be able to take part in the consultation online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ltp.

If you have previously told us that you would like a hard copy of the consultation material then we will send one to you.

This is an important opportunity to help shape LTP3 so please get involved!



Key Future Dates...

Consultation on scenarios (This is your opportunity to comment on and identify the best scenarios for Oxfordshire)	10 May — 20 June 2010
Consultation on draft Local Transport Plan 3 (This is your opportunity to comment on the whole draft Plan)	1 October 2010 — 2 January 2011
Cabinet approval of the final Plan	15 March 2011
Oxfordshire County Council adopts the final Plan	April 2011

These dates may change



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