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OxRAIL 2040: Plan For Rail **A new Rail Strategy for Oxfordshire**

Local Transport and Connectivity Plan Context

“Our Local Transport and Connectivity Plan vision is for an inclusive and safe net zero Oxfordshire transport system that enables all parts of the county to thrive.

It will tackle inequality, be better for health, wellbeing and social inclusivity and have zero road fatalities or serious injuries. It will also enhance our natural and historic environment and enable the county to be one of the world’s leading innovation economies.

Our plan sets out to achieve this by reducing the need to travel and private car use through making walking, cycling, public and shared transport the natural first choice.”




Our Draft Vision for Rail

Rail as an enabler for:

- Better quality of life and visitor experience
- Improving the environment
- Driving sustainable economic growth



Objectives

- (a) To provide context and background on current and future rail development in Oxfordshire; outline and articulate the County's rail development needs, ambitions and priorities
 - (b) Present an evidence-based prioritised list of interventions to deliver these, agreed upon by the council and rail industry partners, aligned with Government plans for growth and decarbonisation and serving as the delivery plan for rail investment in Oxfordshire up to 2040, ensuring synergy with all objectives and enabling decisive and swift action when funding opportunities arise
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Key Themes

The rail strategy is being planned around three key themes:

- Enhancing infrastructure and improving connectivity
- Climate action
- Rail as place-shaper



Timeline

Date	Activity
May 2025	Contract Start
May - July	Key stakeholder engagement and briefings
June - July	Demand modelling and economic (GVA) analysis
August	Draft Rail Strategy produced
September - October	Public consultation - for six weeks - and key stakeholder briefings
November	Finalise Rail Strategy
16 December 2025	Council Cabinet decision to formally adopt Rail Strategy



Initial key projects

1. Oxford Station expansion and redevelopment
2. 'Electrifying Oxfordshire' freight spine wiring
3. Oxfordshire Metro/Oxfordshire Connect network
4. Signalling, track and rolling stock improvements
5. Cowley Branch Line open for passenger services
6. Four new rail stations by 2040 – at Begbroke, Oxford Cowley, Oxford Littlemore, Wantage and Grove, with the potential for other stations being explored
7. Business case development for a Carterton-Witney-Oxford connection
8. East West Rail - phased introduction from December 2025
9. Rail stations embedded in the community with better active travel and bus connections