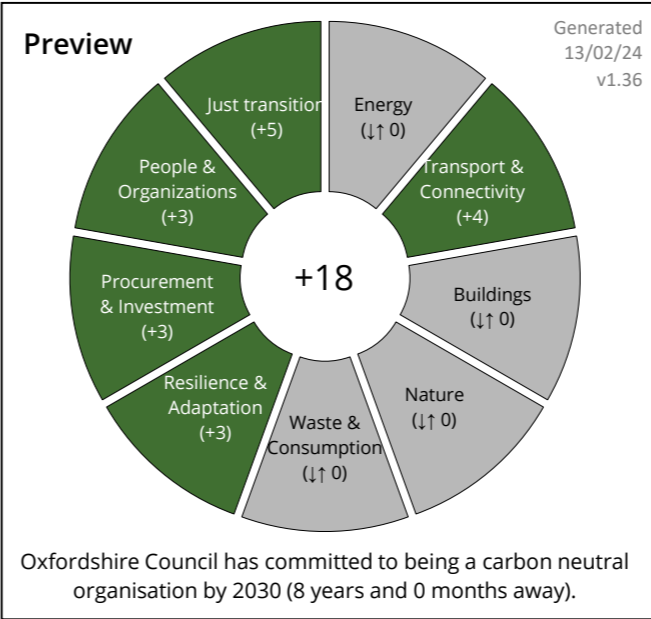


Climate Impact Assessment

Summary

Directorate and Service Area	Environment and Place
What is being assessed	Witney High Street Public Realm Scheme
Is this a new or existing function or policy?	Yes
Summary of assessment	
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Detail of proposal

Context / Background	Version 1. Changes to be noted as the scheme develops and more information is gathered.
Proposal	Witney High Street received funding via Active Travel for a public realm scheme. The scheme is in its infancy and follows the pedestrianisation of Witney High Street. The scheme is yet to go to public exhibition, which the scheme is largely relying upon to generate specific ideas from Witney High Street users for Witney High Street users.
Evidence / Intelligence	Site visits, meeting with WODC and Cllr Enright, public exhibition.
Alternatives considered / rejected	Lots of possibilities being considered.

Category	Impact criteria	Score (-3 to +3)	Description of impact	Actions or mitigations to reduce negative impacts	Action owner	Timeline and monitoring arrangements
Energy	Increases energy efficiency	0	N/A			
Energy	Promotes a switch to low-carbon or renewable energy	0	N/A			
Energy	Promotes resilient, local, smart energy systems	0	N/A			
Transport & Connectivity	Reduces need to travel and/or the need for private car ownership	0	More public transport infrastructure. Improving the area so people may travel elsewhere less. Not necessarily reduction in travel.	Bus infrastructure, movement of taxi rank to more desirable location.	Project Team	Ongoing
Transport & Connectivity	Supports active travel	2	Cycle rack improvements, improved lighting and paving, possibility for mobility hub in the future.	Work with local groups and younger residents.	Project Team	Consultation Period - ongoing
Transport & Connectivity	Increases use of public transport	2	Better positioning of taxi rank, bus infrastructure improvements including community buses, bus shelters. Bus priority on High Street.	Continue to liaise with bus company of planned upgrades. Ensure design are in keeping with the town and all designs are deemed needed by the public.	Project Team	Ongoing
Transport & Connectivity	Accelerates electrification of transport	0	N/A	Potential in the future - no active plans in place. Discussion of mobility hubs.		
Buildings	Promotes net zero new builds and developments	0	N/A			
Buildings	Accelerates retrofitting of existing buildings	0	N/A			
Nature	Protects, restores or enhances biodiversity, landscape and ecosystems	0	#REF!	Scope for pocket parks, tree planting, rain gardens, ect.	Project Team	Ongoing - design process not started
Nature	Develops blue and green infrastructure	0	Potential if design allows for - rain gardens, living bus shelters, planters	Will be considered in design phase	Project Team	Ongoing - design process not started
Nature	Improves access to nature and green spaces	0	Church Green access will be easier if cars are reduced by War Memorial and the crossing is more accessible.	Will be considered in design phase	Project Team	Ongoing - design process not started
Waste & Consumption	Reduces overall consumption	0	N/A			
Waste & Consumption	Supports waste prevention and drive reuse and recycling	0	Potential to provide on the go recycling - improvements to bins.	Will be considered in the design phase - monitored as a theme within consultation.	Project Team	Ongoing - design process not started
Resilience & Adaptation	Increases resilience to flooding	1	Potential - if rain gardens are delivered, will help surface run-off			
Resilience & Adaptation	Increases resilience to other extreme weather events (e.g., storms, cold snaps, heatwaves, droughts)	1	Potential - to provide tree canopy to provide shelter/cover from extreme weather (sunshine)			

Resilience & Adaptation	Increases resilience of council services, communities, energy systems, transport infrastructure and/or supply chains	1	Potential- better active travel = less reliance on transport/more access and availability, better infrastructure and service.	Will be as a result of other implementations. Not a direct impact.		
Procurement & Investment	Procurement practices prioritise low-carbon options, circular economy and sustainability	2	Potential in design - sustainable design practices and materials used	Will be considered in design phase	Project Team	Ongoing - design process not started
Procurement & Investment	Investment being considered supports climate action/ is consistent with path to net zero	1	Potential - investment into active travel and public transport may result in climate impact reduction	Will be as a result of other implementations. Not a direct impact.	Project Team	Ongoing - will be as a result
People & Organizations	Drives behavioural change to address the climate and ecological emergency	2	Encourages active travel to be more easily accessed, which means that the attitude behaviour gap can be reduced. This will reduce emissions and enhance the ecology.	Ensure a focus on active travel and easy access is portrayed in design and further improve throughout the public exhibition and school workshops.	Project Team	Ongoing - design process not started/consultation still ongoing
People & Organizations	Drives organizational and systemic change to address the climate and ecological emergency	1	Opportunities for businesses to engage with the community and its' infrastructure. Employees travel to work, buying local produce, sustainable procurment, reduction in deliveries.	Engage with businesses to ensure their employees are on board, encourage them to participate in exhibition workshops.	Project Team	Ongoing - consultation in progress
Just transition	Promotes green innovation and job creation	0	Potential - encouraged use of public transport to cause investment into electric bus infrastructure/ebike hire/electric car hire extended/mobility hubs	Conitnue to work with WODC regarding electric car hire and charging point. Engage with community about what their use of public transport in place now could generate for the future.	Project Team	Ongoing - consultation in progress
Just transition	Promotes health and wellbeing	2	Use of outdoor space promotes improved mental wellbeing and increased physical activity and socialising.	Work with local groups and the most vulnerable resident groups to ensure the space is what they want and need so it has maximum use.	Project Team	Ongoing - consultation in progress
Just transition	Reduces poverty and inequality	0	N/A			