## **CABINET – 20 JULY 2010**

## LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 3 SCENARIOS & POLICIES

#### Report by Head of Transport

### Introduction

- 1. The purpose of this report is to set out the results of the consultation on scenarios for the county's third Local Transport Plan (LTP3) and seek a decision on the preferred scenarios for inclusion in LTP3. This report also seeks approval to proposed changes to the policies approved in March 2010.
- 2. Oxfordshire County Council has a statutory requirement to produce a new LTP by April 2011. LTP3 will be a document that will help shape Oxfordshire for the long term, with a 20 year horizon rather than five years as in previous LTPs. This will bring it in line with the Sustainable Community Strategy, 'Oxfordshire 2030', and extend beyond the 2026 planning horizon that the district councils have been working to in developing their Local Development Frameworks and their infrastructure delivery plans, which it will complement. It is therefore a blueprint for all transport development across the county and not just the publicly funded elements as in the previous Plans.
- 3. The background against which this Plan is being developed is changing fast. It is becoming increasingly important for the Plan to reflect the current economic climate whilst not losing sight of the longer term aspirations for Oxfordshire. With uncertainty over the future of the planning process and the availability of funding, it will be important that the County Council has an agreed LTP so that it puts Oxfordshire in a strong position to respond to development and other pressures and allows us to deliver the priority transport schemes when funding becomes available. In addition, by providing a clear policy framework the LTP can, together with the priorities identified in the Local Investment Plan, have a key role in the development of a 'Countywide Strategic Infrastructure Framework' that would help the County Council plan and deliver the infrastructure essential to support development and secure funding towards this.
- 4. In September 2009, Cabinet approved the goals and objectives for LTP3. The goals are:
  - To support the local economy and the growth and competitiveness of the county;
  - To make it easier to get around the county and improve access to jobs and services for all by offering real choice;
  - To reduce the impact of transport on the environment and help tackle climate change;
  - To promote healthy, safe and sustainable travel.

- 5. Annex 1 shows the approved LTP objectives and also sets out how the LTP will contribute to delivering the council's strategic objectives of the economy, community, climate change and the cross-cutting theme of breaking the cycle of deprivation. Whilst the objectives apply countywide, they have been prioritised for the four settlement types, which are: Oxford, larger towns (Abingdon, Banbury, Bicester, Science Vale UK [including Didcot and Wantage & Grove] and Witney), smaller towns (Carterton, Chinnor, Chipping Norton, Faringdon, Henley-on-Thames, Kidlington, Thame and Wallingford) and rural Oxfordshire.
- 6. The first of these objectives covers highway maintenance and, in the context of potentially large cuts in capital funding possibly as much as 50% an approach which seeks to protect the County's highway asset and minimise the need for additional future maintenance liabilities will be required. This will reduce, and for the early years of the plan probably virtually eliminate, the ability to deliver new transport schemes from public funding.
- 7. Given this, the approach to scheme identification in the final document is still to be finalised. With likely significant cuts in funding for at least the early years of the Plan it is likely that, initially at least, the 'implementation programme' section of the Plan will set out the area strategies, and the likely priorities for infrastructure delivery within each, with the detailed programme of schemes being developed and reviewed on an annual basis. The shape of the delivery programme will be largely determined in the short term by the availability of developer funding and working with other partners on funding sources.

## **Scenarios**

- 8. There is a need to develop options for LTP3 which set out alternative overall approaches to transport in Oxfordshire over the next 20 years. Called scenarios, these do not include specific schemes but the choice of scenario will influence which schemes are progressed in the future. The emphasis of the scenario for a settlement type will depend to an extent on local issues. A full consideration of alternative means for meeting a Plan's objectives is essential for compliance with a legally-required Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).
- 9. An innovative model was used to assess the overall transport impacts of different scenarios on accessibility (by bus, on foot and by cycle), climate change, economy (congestion), the local environment (air quality) and road safety. An assessment of the local environmental impact of the scenarios was also undertaken in line with the SEA requirements and is available for consultation on the Council website.
- 10. Consultation on scenarios for each of the settlement types was undertaken from 10 May to 20 June. Annex 2 summarises the scenarios that were consulted on. Comprehensive information and a questionnaire were available online and in paper form. In addition stakeholder clinics were held around the

county, one in each district, allowing stakeholders to seek clarification on the scenarios and discuss them face-to-face with officers. Information on the scenarios was also displayed at the Council meeting on 15 June where Councillors were able to discuss the scenarios with officers. In total approximately 250 stakeholders took part in the consultation and between 126 and 153 responses were received for each settlement type. Annex 3 summarises the results.

- 11. Although the consultation responses indicate a preferred approach for each settlement type, there is to some extent a balance of views (for example across all three scenarios for larger towns and between Scenarios A and B in Oxford) and a number of the responses suggested modifications to the preferred scenarios.
- 12. Taking into account all views it is recommended that Cabinet approve the revised scenarios as set out in Annex 4. These are typically based on the most popular scenario for each settlement type, modified to include elements of others either suggested by the responses or included to ensure that the recommended set of scenarios is coherent and makes sense for Oxfordshire as a whole. Annex 4 also includes an explanation of how each recommended scenario has been derived.
- 13. In addition to scenarios for the four settlement types, a specific scenario for Bicester is recommended because of the Eco-Town development. This is based on the scenario recommended for the larger towns but includes greater emphasis on cycling, bus travel and behavioural change to reflect the increased level of investment in those types of measures for the town as a whole which would accompany the development of the eco settlement. The scenario for the larger towns will apply in Bicester should the Eco-Town development not proceed.
- 14. An assessment of the recommended scenarios has been undertaken in line with SEA requirements and is available in the Members' Resource Centre.
- 15. Highway maintenance will be an essential factor of all scenarios and therefore it has not been identified separately. The importance of highway maintenance will be embedded in the Plan, with the Highways Asset Management Strategy forming an integral part of the document. The Plan will stress the importance of maximising the network that we have rather than enhancing it, particularly in the early years of LTP3.

## Timetable for completing the Plan

16. The LTP is proposed to take the form of three documents. A relatively short headline 'summary' document which can be easily read and understood on its own would be the public face of the Plan. This would be supported by a fuller background document which would contain more detailed background to the policies, strategies and other evidence which underpins the Plan. It would also include an implementation plan that would initially identify local area strategies and strategic infrastructure requirements.

- 17. Annex 5 shows an outline programme for the work required to complete the Plan. It is proposed that a public consultation is carried out on a draft LTP between October 2010 and January 2011. This will include the objectives, policies and scenarios along with draft area strategies, which will take into account the work currently being undertaken for the district councils' Local Development Frameworks.
- 18. An Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) is being developed for LTP3 and the consideration of equality and diversity issues are being built into every stage of the development process.

## **Draft Plan Policies**

- 19. In January and February 2010, stakeholders were consulted on the policies for the Plan. A total of 150 responses were received to this consultation, with over 1,000 comments in total. These comments informed the set of policies recommended to Cabinet for approval in March 2010 as the basis for the development of the draft Plan.
- 20. Following further discussion with colleagues and stakeholders, officers consider it appropriate to recommend some revisions and additions to the draft policies as the basis of further development of the Plan. Annex 6 sets out the recommended changes to the approved policies.
- 21. Cabinet will be considering the draft Plan in its entirety in September, prior to full public consultation starting. Further changes to policies may be recommended at that point including, for example, the addition of policies from the Regional Spatial Strategy which may be lost with the potential abolition of the South East Plan.

## **Financial and Staff Implications**

- 22. A team has been established to oversee the development of LTP3, drawn from within the Transport Service. In addition staff from across the Council, have been contributing to the development of the Plan.
- 23. Halcrow, using our existing framework contract, have been commissioned to undertake the work required for the SEA and the Habitats Regulation Assessment. Their costs are being met from within existing budgets.
- 24. There are no financial implications directly associated with this report.

### Risks

25. It is important that the approved scenarios are considered to be appropriate to avoid the risk of developing a draft Plan which is not supported at a later stage. This risk has been mitigated by involving stakeholders at an early stage but cannot be wholly eliminated.

- 26. There is a risk of raising expectations of how much can be achieved through the LTP, particularly in the current economic climate. It is highly likely that transport infrastructure investment will be significantly hit by reduced funding levels, reducing the Council's ability to deliver against LTP priorities, at least in the short term. The long-term nature of this Plan will mitigate against this risk but this limitation will need to be made explicit in the final document and throughout public consultation on the Plan.
- 27. There is a risk associated with current uncertainties with the Local Development Framework process, the loss of the Regional Spatial Strategy and the emerging priorities of the new coalition Government. There may be a need to recommend changes to the LTP3 policies when Cabinet consider the draft Plan in September prior to consultation commencing in October.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- 28. The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to
  - (a) approve the preferred scenarios for the LTP, noting the information contained in the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the scenarios; and
  - (b) approve the recommended changes to the policies, as the basis for further development of the LTP.

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Background papers: These following papers are available in the Members' Resource Centre.

- Strategic Enviromental Assessment, Detailed Assessment of LTP3 Scenarios, May 2010, Halcrow Group Limited
- Strategic Environmental Assessment, Detailed Assessment of LTP3 Recommended Scenarios, July 2010, Halcrow Group Limited
- LTP Scenarios Consultation Report, June 2010, Steer Davies Gleave
- Scenarios Consultation Document, May 2010, Oxfordshire County Council
- Deatiled responses to scenarios consultation

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# **Council Strategic Objectives & LTP Objectives**

Council Strategic	Local Transport Plan
Objectives	Objectives
World class economy	Reduce congestion
	Secure infrastructure and services to support development
	Develop and increase the use of high quality, welcoming public transport
	Reduce carbon emissions from transport
Healthy and thriving communities	Reduce congestion
	Reduce casualties and the dangers associated with travel
	Secure infrastructure and services to support development
	Improve air quality, reduce other environmental impacts and enhance the street environment
	Develop and increase cycling and walking for local journeys, recreation and health
Environment and climate change	Improve the condition of local roads, footways and cycleways, including resilience to climate change
	Reduce carbon emissions from transport
	Improve air quality, reduce other environmental impacts and enhance the street environment
	Develop and increase the use of high quality, welcoming public transport
	Develop and increase cycling and walking for local journeys, recreation and health
Breaking the cycle of deprivation	Improve accessibility to work, education and services
Better public services	Improve the condition of local roads, footways and cycleways, including resilience to climate change
	Improve accessibility to work, education and services

# Scenario options taken out to consultation

#### <u>Oxford</u>

	SCENARIO		
	А	В	С
Rail			$\checkmark\checkmark$
Bus	•	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$
Walking	$\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$	$\checkmark \checkmark$	•
Cycling	$\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$	$\checkmark \checkmark$	•
Highway Infrastructure			
Demand Management		$\checkmark$	
Park & Ride		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Behavioural Change	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Low Emission Vehicles	$\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$	$\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$	$\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$
Alternative Fuels			
Slower Speeds	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Freight Management	$\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$		
Level of investment: $\sqrt{-1}$	$\Delta M = \sqrt{1 - M}$		_ Lliab

Level of investment:  $\checkmark$  = Low  $\checkmark \checkmark$  = Medium  $\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$  = High • = as a minimum all scenarios include (i) improvement of bus stop facilities and locations, (ii) pedestrian crossings and safe walking routes, and (iii) measures to improve cycle safety.

#### Larger Towns

		SCENARIO	
	А	В	C
Rail			$\checkmark \checkmark$
Bus	•	✓	$\checkmark \checkmark$
Walking	$\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$	✓	$\checkmark$
Cycling	$\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$	~	$\checkmark$
Highway Infrastructure			$\checkmark \checkmark$
Demand Management		✓	
Park & Ride		~	
Behavioural Change	$\checkmark$		
Low Emission Vehicles	$\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$		
Alternative Fuels	$\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$		$\checkmark$
Slower Speeds			
Freight Management			$\checkmark$

Level of investment:  $\checkmark$  = Low  $\checkmark \checkmark$  = Medium  $\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$  = High

• = as a minimum all scenarios include (i) improvement of bus stop facilities and locations, (ii) pedestrian crossings and safe walking routes, and (iii) measures to improve cycle safety.

#### Smaller Towns

		SCENARIO	
	А	В	С
Rail			
Bus	•	✓	•
Walking	$\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$	~	•
Cycling	$\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$	$\checkmark$	•
Highway Infrastructure			$\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$
Demand Management		✓	$\checkmark$
Park & Ride		$\checkmark$	
Behavioural Change	$\checkmark$		
Low Emission Vehicles	$\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$		
Alternative Fuels	$\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$		
Slower Speeds			
Freight Management			

Level of investment:  $\checkmark$  = Low  $\checkmark \checkmark$  = Medium  $\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$  = High

• = as a minimum all scenarios include (i) improvement of bus stop facilities and locations, (ii) pedestrian crossings and safe walking routes, and (iii) measures to improve cycle safety.

#### Rural Oxfordshire

		SCENARIO	
	A	В	С
Rail		✓	$\checkmark$
Bus	•	•	$\checkmark\checkmark$
Walking	$\checkmark\checkmark$	•	$\checkmark$
Cycling	$\checkmark\checkmark$	•	$\checkmark$
Highway Infrastructure		~~	
Demand Management		$\checkmark$	
Park & Ride			
Behavioural Change	$\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$		
Low Emission Vehicles	$\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$		
Alternative Fuels			
Slower Speeds	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$
Freight Management		$\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$	

Level of investment:  $\checkmark$  = Low  $\checkmark \checkmark$  = Medium  $\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$  = High

• = as a minimum all scenarios include (i) improvement of bus stop facilities and locations, (ii) pedestrian crossings and safe walking routes, and (iii) measures to improve cycle safety.

# Summary of scenarios consultation responses

<b>Oxford (133 responses)</b> Scenario A: Promoting Walking & Cycling Scenario B: Increasing Transport Choice Scenario C: Promoting Public Transport No preference	42% 38% 15% 5%
Larger Towns (129 responses) Scenario A: Promoting Lower Emissions Scenario B: Promoting Transport Choice Scenario C: Supporting Economic Growth No preference	32% 30% 29% 9%
Smaller Towns (126 responses) Scenario A: Promoting Lower Emissions Scenario B: Promoting Transport Choice Scenario C: Supporting Economic Growth No preference	46% 33% 15% 6%
Rural Oxfordshire (153 responses) Scenario A: Promoting Lower Emissions Scenario B: Managing Movements Scenario C: Promoting Transport Choice No preference	30% 16% 48% 7%

A full set of consultation responses is available in the Members' Resource Centre.

# Recommended Scenarios

	RECOMMENDED SCENARIOS			
	Oxford	Larger Towns (Bicester)	Smaller Towns	Rural Oxfordshire
Rail	$\checkmark\checkmark$	$\checkmark\checkmark$		✓
Bus	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark \checkmark (\checkmark)$	$\checkmark$	~~
Walking	$\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$	$\checkmark\checkmark$	$\checkmark\checkmark$	~~
Cycling	$\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$	$\checkmark \checkmark (\checkmark)$	$\checkmark\checkmark$	~~
Highway Infrastructure		$\checkmark\checkmark$		
Traffic Management	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Park & Ride	$\checkmark\checkmark$	$\checkmark\checkmark$		
Behavioural Change	$\checkmark$	<b>√</b> (√√)	$\checkmark$	✓
Low Emission Vehicles	$\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$	$\checkmark\checkmark$	$\checkmark\checkmark$	
Slower Speeds	$\checkmark$			~~
Freight Management	$\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$			✓

#### Level of investment:

 $\checkmark$  = Low  $\checkmark$   $\checkmark$  = Medium  $\checkmark$   $\checkmark$   $\checkmark$  = High

#### (Additional ticks in brackets would apply if the Eco-Town in Bicester proceeds)

It should be noted that the levels of investment relate to all potential funding and not just County Council funding.

#### <u>Oxford</u>

The consultation indicated that the most popular scenario for Oxford was scenario A, hence the recommended scenario contains all of the elements that were included in that scenario. Scenario B was also selected by a large proportion of respondents therefore, in addition, the recommended scenario contains the elements of scenario B which were not already included in scenario A. A number of these additional elements were specifically requested to be added to scenario A by respondents who favoured that option. This includes increasing the level of investment in Bus from 'business as usual' to 'low'. The addition of Rail to both scenario A and B was also suggested by a number of respondents and this has also been added to the recommended scenario.

#### Larger Towns

The consultation responses for larger towns were fairly evenly spread between all three scenarios, hence the recommended scenario contains the elements from each scenario which officers consider take account of the consultation responses while creating a robust and coherent scenario for the larger towns. This included a medium level of investment in walking and cycling, which is an increase from scenarios B and C but a decrease from that which was included in scenario A and a

balance between new infrastructure to deal with the traffic generated by new development and measures to encourage more sustainable travel in the towns.

#### **Bicester**

A specific scenario for Bicester has been developed to recognise the significant level of investment in the town which will accompany the development of the eco settlement. This scenario is similar to that for the other larger towns in the county but recognises the fact that there is likely to be a greater level of investment in cycling, bus and behavioural change measures. The scenario for the larger towns will apply in Bicester should the Eco-Town in Bicester not proceed.

#### Smaller Towns

Almost half of respondents selected scenario A as their preferred option and one third chose scenario B. This is reflected in the recommended scenario, with all of the elements of scenario A being included with the exception of Alternative Fuels (see below). In addition the recommended scenario also contains some elements of scenario B which were not included in scenario A.

#### Rural Oxfordshire

Scenario C was the preferred scenario from the consultation responses and the recommended scenario reflects this by including all of the elements of scenario C but with a reduction in the level of investment in Slower Speeds from high to medium reflecting the views of some respondents' that this should not be included and would have meant promoting a substantial change in speed limits across the county. In addition the recommended scenario includes elements of Behavioural Change and Freight Management, in addition to increases in the level of investment in walking and cycling, as these were popular additions to scenario C suggested by respondents.

#### <u>Overall</u>

The scenarios represent a balanced approach when considered for each settlement type and when combined for Oxfordshire as a whole. They include investment across all modes and recognise that investment in certain measures is desirable across the county, for example measures to promote behavioural change.

Alternative Fuels has been removed from all scenarios as officers agree with the large number of respondents who felt that this would be more effectively addressed nationally and should not be included in any of these scenarios.

Officers consider that 'Traffic Management' more accurately represents the type of measures that would be included under this heading than the title of Demand Management that was used during the consultation, hence Traffic Management is used in the recommended scenarios set out in the table above.

# Timetable for completion of the Local Transport Plan

20 July	Cabinet approval of preferred scenarios
July – September	Preparation of draft Plan for consultation (including area strategies)
21 September	Cabinet approval of draft Plan for consultation
1 October 2010 – 9 January 2011	Consultation on draft Plan
January – March 2011	Preparation of final Plan
15 March 2011	Cabinet Approval of final Plan
April 2011	Adoption of final Plan by Council

## Recommended changes to approved policies

Following further discussion with colleagues and stakeholders, officers consider it appropriate to recommend some revisions and additions to the draft policies approved in March 2010 as the basis of further development of the Plan. These changes are set out below.

Policy	Approved text	Recommended new text
NM2	Oxfordshire County Council will ensure that travel information is timely, accurate and easily accessible.	Oxfordshire County Council will ensure that travel information is timely, accurate and easily accessible in a range of appropriate formats.
BS4	Oxfordshire County Council will support the development of a network of community transport schemes to complement and supplement the county's network of scheduled bus services.	Oxfordshire County Council will support community transport to complement and supplement the county's network of scheduled bus services. (Community transport are flexible transport services to serve social needs and include Dial-a- Ride, voluntary and local transport schemes)
BS6	Oxfordshire County Council will work with public transport operators and other partners, including meeting its commitments as part of the agreed Quality Bus Partnership, to: I. improve ticketing arrangements to make travel easier, particularly where these reduce boarding times II. ensure that good quality information is publicly available for all and that this contributes to increasing the attractiveness of public transport.	Oxfordshire County Council will work with public transport operators and other partners to: i. improve ticketing arrangements to make travel easier, particularly where these reduce boarding times; ii. ensure that good quality information is publicly available, in a range of appropriate formats, for all and that this contributes to increasing the attractiveness of public transport; iii. encourage social inclusion by ensuring or insisting that services are run by low floor buses and driven by drivers trained in customer care and disability awareness.
BS7	Oxfordshire County Council will develop and manage a policy for managing the national Concessionary Fares scheme in Oxfordshire.	Oxfordshire County Council will develop and manage the national Concessionary Fares scheme in Oxfordshire.
BS9	Oxfordshire County Council will assist in the development of scheduled coach services by providing facilities where justified	Oxfordshire County Council will assist in the development of scheduled inclusive coach services by providing facilities where

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	by actual or potential demand, and	justified by actual or potential
	will consider pump-priming funding	demand, and will consider pump-
	for these where appropriate.	priming funding for these where
		appropriate and available.
PTI2	Oxfordshire County Council will	Oxfordshire County Council will
	develop high quality, welcoming	develop high quality, inclusive and
	infrastructure for passengers at	welcoming infrastructure for
	public transport interchanges,	passengers at public transport
	including Park & Ride sites and	interchanges, including Park &
	main railway stations.	Ride sites and main railway
		stations.
PTI3	Up-to-date, comprehensive	Up-to-date, comprehensive
1 110	information about public transport	information about public transport
	services and links to ticketing	services and links to ticketing
	•	technology will be made available
	technology will be made available	
	at interchanges, bus stops and	in a range of appropriate formats at
	other places.	interchanges, bus stops and other
		places.
TP4	New policy	Oxfordshire County Council will
		work closely with healthcare
		providers in Oxfordshire to increase
		non-car travel for health purposes,
		and address how walking and
		cycling can contribute to
		encouraging more exercise,
		improving fitness and reducing
		obesity.
P4	New policy	The specific needs of disabled
		drivers, including international blue
		badge holders, will be taken into
		account when developing local
		parking strategies.
SEPR2	Oxfordshire County Council will	Oxfordshire County Council will
OLI IL	carry out a de-cluttering of the	carry out a de-cluttering of the
	street environment, either as part of	street environment, either as part of
	specific improvement schemes or	specific improvement schemes or
	in association with other	in association with other
	improvement or maintenance	improvement or maintenance
	schemes. (De-cluttering is the	schemes. (De-cluttering is the
	removal of unnecessary street	removal of unnecessary street
	signs, traffic control equipment and	signs, traffic control equipment and
	other street furniture in order to	other street furniture in order to
	produce a more attractive and	produce a more attractive, effective
	efficient local environment in town	and efficient local environment in
	centres and other similar areas).	town centres and other similar
		areas).
SEPR3	Street Audit processes will be used	Street Audit processes and
	to determine the nature of street	consultations will be used to
	environment and public realm	determine the nature of street
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	improvements. (Street audits use the knowledge of local people to	environment and public realm improvements. <i>(Street audits apply</i> )

	evaluate the quality of the local	the knowledge of local people to
	area and propose improvements).	evaluate the quality of the local
		area and propose improvements).
SEPR4	New policy	The needs of mobility and visually
		impaired people will be fully taken
		into account in the design of any
		shared space or pedestrianisation
		scheme.
D1	Consultation with disabled people	Continuing consultation with
	and their representatives will take	disabled people and their
	place at the earliest stage in the	representatives will take place from
	development of schemes and initiatives so that the needs of all	the earliest stage in the
	groups are considered and where	development of schemes and initiatives so that the needs of all
	appropriate acted upon.	groups are considered and where
		appropriate acted upon.
D2	Oxfordshire County Council will	Oxfordshire County Council will
	provide disability awareness	provide appropriate disability
	training for all appropriate staff.	awareness training for all staff,
		councillors and contractors.
D4	New policy	When developing or upgrading
		cycling or pedestrian routes, the
		needs of disabled people should be
		taken fully into account, including
		the provision of dual use facilities
		where practicable. (Dual use
		facilities are ones which can cater
		for wheelchair , including powered
		wheelchair, and buggy use)
-	policies may be re-numbered in final	
PROW1	Public Rights of Way and	Public Rights of Way and
	accessible natural areas will be	accessible natural area
	developed to better meet the needs	infrastructure will be made easier to
	of walkers, cyclists and	use to better meet the needs of
	equestrians, including those with disabilities.	walkers, cyclists and equestrians,
PROW2	Public Rights of Way and	including those with disabilities. Public Rights of Way and
	accessible natural areas will be	accessible natural areas and
	protected and maintained to enable	assets will be protected and
	access for all.	maintained.
PROW3	Oxfordshire County Council will	Network improvements and
	develop a more joined-up Public	initiatives to enable walking, cycling
	Right of Way network that meets	and horse riding for local journeys,
	the needs and demands of users	recreation and health, including for
	whilst accommodating the interests	people with disabilities, will be
	of land managers, the natural	sought through developer
	environment and our cultural	contributions and planning
	heritage.	conditions, and as part of
		integrated green infrastructure or
		transport networks in a locality.
		(Green infrastructure is the term for

PROW4	The Rights of Way network will contribute towards a thriving countryside where residents and visitors are able to understand and enjoy their rights, in a responsible way.	provision and management of connected and substantial networks of accessible, multi- functional green space.) The Public Rights of Way and accessible natural area network will contribute towards developing a thriving and more inclusive countryside where residents and visitors are able to understand and enjoy their rights, in a responsible way.
Rights of	Way policies may be re-numbered in	
TPHV1	Oxfordshire County Council promotes the continued use and growth of taxi services (Hackney Carriage and private hire vehicles) in order to meet local transport and accessibility needs, including those of disabled people.	Oxfordshire County Council promotes the continued use and growth of more inclusive taxi services (hackney carriage, private hire vehicles and dial-a-ride services) in order to meet local transport and accessibility needs, including those of disabled people.
TPHV2	Oxfordshire County Council will liaise with licensing authorities on the provision and location of taxi rank capacity and minimising conflicts between taxis and buses.	Oxfordshire County Council will liaise with licensing authorities on the provision and location of taxi rank capacity and minimising conflicts between taxis and other road users.
AT2	Oxfordshire County Council will promote the use of more sustainable transport modes to access air travel.	Oxfordshire County Council will promote the use of more sustainable and inclusive transport modes to access air travel.
WW1	Oxfordshire County Council will encourage the continued and increased use of the county's waterways, as well as support opportunities for expanded freight transport on the waterways network where this would not cause unacceptable local problems.	Oxfordshire County Council will encourage the continued, increased and inclusive use of the county's waterways, as well as support opportunities for expanded freight transport on the waterways network where this would not cause unacceptable local problems.