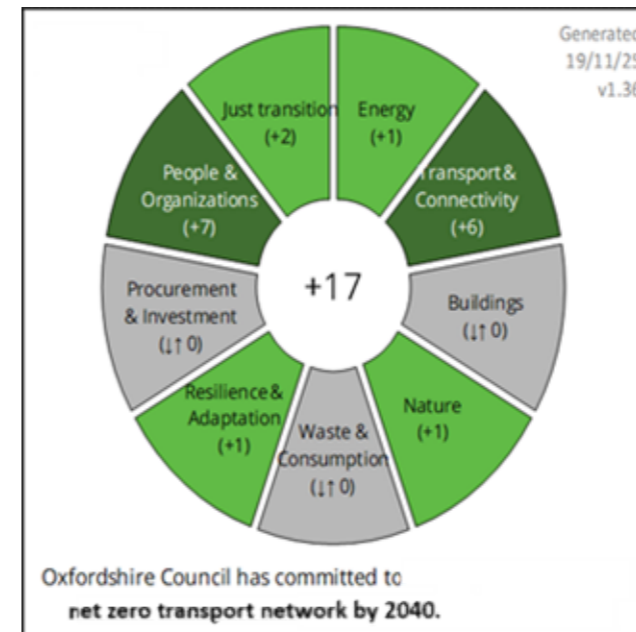


Climate Impact Assessment

Summary

Directorate and Service Area	Regulatory Planning & Enforcement, Economy & Place
What is being assessed	Parking Standards for New developments (updated)
Is this a new or existing function or policy?	A new technical document
Summary of assessment	The assessment shows that implementing the updated OCC Parking Standards for New Developments document will help support a positive contribution towards the County Council's aims of addressing the climate and ecological emergency.
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Assessment date	19/11/2025



Detail of proposal

Context / Background	The revised document sets out OCC's requirements for implementing LTCP objectives / targets on promoting reduced car parking levels at new developments as part of an approach to transport planning for development proposals (submitted as part of planning applications for new development), while seeking more sustainable and active travel parking provisions.
Proposal	This document supports the implementation of the LTCP targets to ensure that the LTCP policies is effective in its aims.
Evidence / Intelligence	The document is based on OCC's existing parking standards, while also taking into consideration national and local policy context (such as the National Planning Policy Framework, current census data etc), while also reviewing other documents published by other county council authorities. All documents are referenced throughout the document. An initial engagement process was undertaken which sought comments from a focussed group of internal colleagues. Following this, an further engagement process been embarked upon whereby input is being sought from officers at the district and city councils, industry stakeholders, other local highway authorities, and the authors of the guidance upon which the document is based.
Alternatives considered / rejected	Previous Local Transport Plans have not typically been supported by supplementary documents intended to ensure the effective implementation of OCC policy, so in that sense doing nothing was previously the option taken.

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	N/A				
Energy	Promotes a switch to low-carbon or renewable energy	1	Potentially results in less reliance on private motor vehicles in favour of public transport and active transport modes, thus helps to replace carbon-based systems with low-carbon technologies.			
Energy	Promotes resilient, local, smart energy systems	N/A				
Transport & Connectivity	Reduces need to travel and/or the need for private car ownership	3	The aim of this document is focussed reducing car parking at new development to where people journey to across the county. If there is less parking at a desintaiton this will help influence their travel behaviour and encourage alternative transport modes to be be considered instead of the private car.			
Transport & Connectivity	Supports active travel	2	The aim of this document is focussed reducing car parking at new development to where people journey to across the county. If there is less parking at a desintaiton this will help influence their travel behaviour and encourage alternative transport modes to be be considered instead of the private car. It will also seek more sustainable and active travel parking provisions.			
Transport & Connectivity	Increases use of public transport	1	The aim of this document is focussed reducing car parking at new development to where people journey to across the county. If there is less parking at a desintaiton this will help influence their travel behaviour and encourage alternative transport modes to be be considered instead of the private car.			

Transport & Connectivity	Accelerates electrification of transport		One of the requirement within this document is to require EV charging point infrastructure to be provided for new developments. For residential 1 uses this is to be provided per new unit, for commerical a minimum provision is to be provided in accordance Oxfordshire's Electrical Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy.
Buildings	Promotes net zero new builds and developments	N/A	
Buildings	Accelerates retrofitting of existing buildings	N/A	
Nature	Protects, restores or enhances biodiversity, landscape and ecosystems		1 By seeking to minimise / reduce car parking levels on site, this document should help to protect local habitats and wildlife.
Nature	Develops blue and green infrastructure	N/A	
Nature	Improves access to nature and green spaces	N/A	
Waste & Consumption	Reduces overall consumption	N/A	
Waste & Consumption	Supports waste prevention and drive reuse and recycling	N/A	
Resilience & Adaptation	Increases resilience to flooding	N/A	
Resilience & Adaptation	Increases resilience to other extreme weather events (e.g., storms, cold snaps, heatwaves, droughts)	N/A	
Resilience & Adaptation	Increases resilience of council services, communities, energy systems, transport infrastructure and/or supply chains		1 By contributing towards decarbonising the transport network, this document helps to reduce the transport network's detrimental impacts on climate change
Procurement & Investment	Procurement practices prioritise low-carbon options, circular economy and sustainability	N/A	
Procurement & Investment	Investment being considered supports climate action/ is consistent with path to net zero	N/A	
People & Organizations	Drives behavioural change to address the climate and ecological emergency		1 This document aims to reduce car parking at new development to where people journey to across the county. If there is less parking at a desintaiton / work place - this will help influcence their travel behaviour and encourage alternative transport modes to be be considered instead of the private car. This will help support the council's objective to address the climate and ecological emergency.

People & Organizations	Drives organizational and systemic change to address the climate and ecological emergency		The document supports the County Council's and other organisation's (district and city councils, developers, etc.) efforts to address the climate and ecological emergency.
Just transition	Promotes green innovation and job creation		<p>Through ensuring that new developments have reduced car parking on site - this will help promote new development site's provide high quality walking and cycling routes and public transport services, this approach may in turn help to drive green innovation and influence job creation.</p> <p>As a result of encouraging reduce car parking at new developemnts, this will encourage greater use of active transport modes for desintation journeys. This will help support improving air quality, encourage more people to be active, and improve access to green open space.</p>
Just transition	Promotes health and wellbeing		1
Just transition	Reduces poverty and inequality	N/A	