

# **Next Steps: Proceeding from Regulation 18 to Regulation 19**

**511** Following the consultation on the Regulation 18 Plan, a site options assessment will be undertaken using a series of steps to enable the 'Broad Areas of Growth' to be identified, taking account of current local plan allocations, new development proposals and opportunities for enhancement. This evaluation will involve testing of site options against the Oxfordshire Plan evidence-base using consistent data and baseline information.

**512** Consideration will also be given to the strategic interventions required to deliver each spatial strategy option and the testing of each option against different scales of growth.

**513** As noted in the section on the level of 'committed growth', a decision will also be taken as to where on the OGNA range the level of growth to be accommodated should be set at the end of 2021. This will take account of the level of 'committed' growth already met in the five adopted local plans from 2020 to 2031/5/6 onwards and thus consider a 'residual growth' figure for the 2031/5/6 period to 2050.

**514** We anticipate that the Regulation 19 Plan will contain a mix of the five spatial options.

**515** The assessment of site proposals in the period between Regulation 18 and 19 will also need to take account of the MHCLG-led Arc Spatial Framework as it emerges. It is possible that there may be growth requirements to be considered from that source.

**STEP 1:**

(September 2021) Identify high-level spatial strategy options for distributing growth in Oxfordshire.

**STEP 2:**

Testing of each of the high-level spatial strategy options, including Oxfordshire's growth requirements, opportunities & constraints.

This step will include the assessment of sites and will combine consideration of urban renewal and brownfield potential, the use of the HEELA and settlement capacity analysis, climate change and environmental enhancement opportunities, transport factors and issues arising from the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA), as well as reviewing the link to the Strategic Vision and Plan Objectives. The assessment will be published as part of the evidence base for the Regulation 19 Plan.

**STEP 3:**

Selection of Spatial Strategy.

**STEP 4:**

Identification of areas of focus.

**STEP 5:**

Further testing of suitability, achievability, and deliverability to establish development capacity and sustainability of approach for Oxfordshire.

**STEP 6:**

Confirm broad locations for growth (and any phasing) for the Oxfordshire Plan and each District.

**STEP 7:**

(December 2021) Confirm level of growth within the OGNA range.

**516** The conclusion of these steps will inform the 'broad locations of growth' that will be presented for consultation in the Regulation 19 Draft Oxfordshire Plan.

# **The Draft Monitoring Framework**

**517** Effective monitoring is important to ensure that Plan policies are being implemented and are achieving their aims.

**518** Our monitoring report will measure and report on the effectiveness of policies within the Oxfordshire Plan. It will report on a range of data to assess whether: policy targets have been met, or progress is being made towards meeting them; policy targets are not being met, or are not on track to being achieved, and the reasons for this; whether policies are having an impact in respect of national and local policy targets; and whether any other targets need adjusting or replacing because they are not working as intended; whether policies need changing to reflect changes in national policy or strategic needs appropriate infrastructure is being delivered to support growth.

**519** If policies need changing the monitoring report will list the actions needed to achieve this. Our monitoring report will be published every 12 months.

**520** For each policy in the Plan, we will develop an indicator and a target, which will be used to measure the policy's effectiveness. The Sustainability Appraisal (SA) also lists a number of 'significant effects indicators' which will be used to monitor the

'significant effects identified in the SA. Data collected on these indicators will be reported on in our monitoring report.

**521** A set of trajectories for housing and employment to address delivery across the programme period as a whole will also be completed. These are of necessity indicative but provide a baseline against which overall implementation can be assessed. They include completions and strategic developments which have an existing planning permission.

## Delivering the Plan

**522** Data on these indicators will be gathered and reported on an annual basis. We will also report on whether the established targets have been met, and, if not, what actions are to be taken to ensure they are met in future.

**523** We have worked with our delivery partners including Oxfordshire County Council during the preparation of this Plan and its Infrastructure Delivery Plan (OxIS) to ensure the partnership is focused on the monitoring and delivery of strategic policies with the right infrastructure at the right times.

**524** We will continue to work as a partnership of planning authorities through the Oxfordshire Growth Board and with the County Council and the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership. The Statement of Common Ground shows the joint working undertaken during the preparation of the Plan and details the various forums and organisations we work with on a regular basis to debate and coordinate strategic planning issues. Actions resulting from cooperation with other local planning authorities or organisations will be reported in the monitoring report.

**525** Our Monitoring Report will assess the effectiveness of the Oxfordshire Plan including the rate of delivery of allocated sites by measuring performance against the indicators identified in the Monitoring Framework.

**526** Annual monitoring will inform future local plan reviews. These reviews may be in response to shortfalls in the implementation of the Plan's policies and in the delivery of infrastructure, to changes in national policy or strategic needs or due to the need to roll forward the Plan period.

## Joint Monitoring Framework

**527** The Monitoring Framework will be developed in conjunction with the completion of the OxIS between the Regulation 18 and 19 stages. Linked to the OXIS monitoring system, metrics are likely to include:

### Climate Change and the Environment

- Carbon Emissions
- Climate Change Impact Resilience
- Natural Environment & Biodiversity
- Waste & Recycling
- Water & Noise Pollution

### Health

- Health Inequality
- Access to Spaces for Physical Activity
- Health Service Access
- Air Quality
- Mental Health & Wellbeing

### Communities and Place-Shaping

- Liveable Communities
- Community Safety & Security
- Heritage & Culture
- Socially Integrated Communities
- Inclusive & Integrated Active Travel

### Transport and Connectivity

- Digital Connectivity
- Clean & Secure Energy Grid Capacity
- Secure Water Supply & Wastewater
- Transport Connectivity & Performance within Oxfordshire
- Strategic Transport Connectivity

### The Economy and Productivity

- World Class Inclusive Education & Skills Development
- Reduce Oxfordshire's Socio-Economic Inequalities
- Attract & Retain Talent in Oxfordshire
- Global Business Innovation Ecosystem
- Drive Productive Economic Growth & Employment

### Housing

- Affordable Housing
- New modes of construction

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