

# Oxfordshire County Council's Local Transport Plan 3



We will be publishing newsletters regularly throughout the period running up to the submission of the Local Transport Plan (LTP) in 2011. The aim of this newsletter is to keep you informed about how the LTP is developing and what you can do to help shape the Plan.

## The Objectives for LTP3

A draft set of objectives was developed for consultation based on government guidance and goals already set out for the county in documents such as the Oxfordshire Sustainable Community Strategy ('Oxfordshire 2030').

Public focus groups were held across the county to reflect the four types of settlement that are being considered in LTP3 (Oxford, large towns, market towns and the remaining rural area of Oxfordshire). The focus groups discussed the draft objectives, whether they should be changed or removed, or others should be added. They were also asked to which objectives were the most important for their local area. Stakeholders were asked to complete a questionnaire giving their views on the objectives and the relative importance that should be attached to each of the objectives.

A report on the draft objectives and the consultation that had been undertaken was considered by the County Council's Cabinet in September. The objectives agreed by the Cabinet took account of comments made through the consultation.

The objectives agreed by the Cabinet are:

- Improve the condition of local roads, footways and cycleways, including resilience to climate change
- Reduce congestion
- Reduce casualties and the dangers associated with travel
- Improve accessibility to work, education and services
- Secure infrastructure and services to support development
- 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



# Feedback from Consultation - Draft Objectives

**Improve the condition of local roads and footways, including resilience to flooding**  
A number of comments were received stating that cycleways were an obvious omission from this objective. It was therefore included in the revised objective.

'Resilience to flooding' was replaced with 'resilience to climate change' as flooding was considered too narrow. Extremes of temperature also have implications on the condition of roads, footways and cycleways.

**Reduce congestion**

There was no change to this objective.

**Make journey times more reliable**

When asked to identify the most important objectives for Oxfordshire, this objective was given a low priority by the public focus groups and the respondents to the general consultation. Given this, and the fact that it relates closely to the congestion objective (with indicators likely to be similar), this objective was removed.

**Reduce casualties and the dangers associated with travel**

There was no change to this objective.

**Improve accessibility for all to jobs, goods, services and leisure**

The consultation responses indicated that the meaning of this original objective was not clear from the wording used, therefore the objective has been simplified.

**Secure infrastructure and services to support development**

There was no change to this objective.

**Reduce carbon emissions from transport**

There was no change to this objective.

**Improve air quality and enhance the street environment**

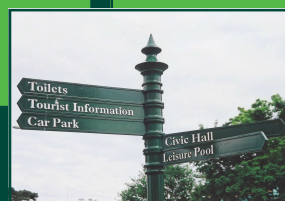
A number of comments were received stating that air quality is just one environmental impact and that reference to other environmental impacts (e.g. noise) should be included in this objective. Therefore, other environmental impacts are included in this objective without explicitly listing them.

**Develop and increase the use of high quality, welcoming public transport on main routes**

A number of comments were received relating to the reference of 'main routes'. Respondents considered that this wording was unnecessary. The reference to main routes therefore, was removed.

**Promote and support cycling and walking for local journeys, recreation and health**

This objective was given a high priority. However the wording of the objective was changed to become more ambitious. Also the wording was changed to make it more consistent with the objective relating to public transport.



# Policy & Scenario Development

We are currently developing draft policies for inclusion in LTP3. The subjects of these policies will range from road safety to air travel, network management to cycling. You can help shape these draft policies when they are taken out to consultation in the New Year.

We are working with our consultants Halcrow and the Transport Studies Unit at the University of Oxford to develop a model which will help us to identify which strategy we should pursue for the county to 2030. We will be looking to agree a preferred strategy for each of the four settlement types being considered for LTP3 (Oxford, larger towns, market towns and the remaining rural area of Oxfordshire) in the New Year.

The model, known as Oxfordshire Intra-sim, is currently under development and further details will be given in future editions of this newsletter or you can visit [www.vibat.org](http://www.vibat.org) to find out more.



## Strategic Environmental Assessment

The comments received in response to our consultation on the Scoping Report for the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) will be taken into account as work on the SEA progresses alongside the development of LTP3.

A summary of the responses received can be found on our website at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ltp](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ltp)

## ...Our Next Consultation



Our next round of consultation will take place from 23rd November to 18th December.

This will be your opportunity to put forward your suggestions for schemes to be included in the LTP3 programme of improvements.



You will be able to take part in the consultation online at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ltp](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ltp)

If you have previously told us that you would like a hard copy of the consultation material then we will send one to you.

This is an important opportunity to help shape LTP3 so please get involved!

## Future Consultation Dates...

<p>Consultation 3: Long list of schemes (To propose a list of transport schemes to be considered for inclusion in the Plan)</p>	23rd November - 18th December 2009
<p>Consultation 4: Policies (To comment on the policies which will be included in the Plan)</p>	January - February 2010
<p>Consultation 5: Scenarios (To comment on a number of combinations of varying levels of investment in different types of intervention)</p>	January - February 2010
<p>Consultation 6: Prioritised list of schemes (To comment on the draft programme of schemes for inclusion in the Plan)</p>	March - April 2010
<p>Consultation 7: Draft Local Transport Plan (To comment on the whole draft Plan)</p>	July - October 2010

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