

# **LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 3 (2011 – 2030)**

## **DRAFT POLICIES QUESTIONNAIRE**

### **Background**

For information about the Local Transport Plan and progress to date please refer to the covering letter enclosed with this questionnaire.

### **What can I comment on?**

A list of the draft policies is enclosed with this questionnaire.

We would like your comments on any of these issues:

- Whether additional policies need to be added on specific issues and what you would like to see these include
- Your views on individual draft policies. For example is there anything you think should be added or removed and how if at all you would like to see the policy changed in the final Local Transport Plan.

Please remember that these are draft policies and we welcome your suggestions to help us finalise policies which reflect the needs of our communities. We expect to make a range of changes in response to your comments. You will also have an opportunity to comment on the revised policies in Summer 2010 as part of the twelve week consultation period on the full plan.

### **How to make your comments**

- Please use the spaces provided to give your comments
- If you need more space please continue on a separate sheet of paper and clearly mark the question number and policy you are referring to
- If you do not have any comments on a draft policy please leave the space blank
- Please return your questionnaire by **21 February 2010** by sending it to our Freepost address. No stamp or further address details are needed:

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### **Getting started**

Please read through the list of nineteen draft transport policies and decide which you would like to comment on. (You are welcome to comment on as many or few as you feel appropriate)

Please read the policy you wish to comment on and work through this questionnaire writing your comments under the relevant section.

### **What happens next**

We will read through all comments and respond to them by updating the draft policies. We will explaining the changes we have made and any suggestions we have not included in the Local Transport Plan newsletter which will be sent to you in March 2010.

Thank you for taking the time to give us your comments.

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**Section 1: About You**

It would be helpful for us to know a little bit about you so we can check whether views differ across our communities. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation this is particularly important.

Please note your comments may be publicly reported and may be attributed to an organisation but individuals will not be named.

All information will be held securely in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

**Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation? (Please ✓ one box only)**

- Oxfordshire resident
- Representative of a group/organisation
- Councillor
- Other (please state)

**If responding for an organisation please write in the name below and go to the Keeping You Informed section.**

**Cotswolds Conservation Board**

**Are you male or female? (Please tick ✓ ONE box only)**

- Male
- Female

**What age are you? (Please tick ✓ ONE box only)**

Under 16	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+
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**To which of these groups do you consider you belong?**

(Please tick ✓ ONE box only)

**A. White**

- British
- Irish
- Any other White background (Please tick ✓ box and write in below)

**B. Black or Black British**

- Caribbean
- African
- Any other Black background (Please tick ✓ box and write in below)

**C. Mixed**

- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- Any other Mixed background (Please tick ✓ box and write in below)

**D. Asian or Asian British**

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Any other Asian background (Please tick ✓ box and write in below)

**E. Chinese and Other ethnic groups**

- Chinese
- Other (Please tick ✓ box and write in below)

- Prefer not to say

**Do you have any long-standing illness, disability or infirmity?**

(long-standing means anything that has troubled you over a period of time or that is likely to affect you over a period of time) (Please tick ✓ ONE box only)

- Yes
- No

**If yes, does this illness or disability limit your activities in any way? (Please tick ✓ ONE box only)**

- Yes
- No

**Keeping you informed**

We would like to keep you updated about the outcome of this and future Local Transport Plan 3 consultations. If you would like to receive updates and are not already on our mailing list please provide your contact details.

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**Section 2: Overview**

**Q1. Do you think any additional policies are needed?**

Yes       No       Don't know

**Q2. If yes, please provide details about what you would like to see included.**

Within the Street Environment and Public Realm section a policy should be added along the lines of:

“Oxfordshire County Councils will use the Guidelines for Highway Management in the Chilterns and Cotswolds AONBs when undertaking improvement works or maintenance in those areas.”

Such a policy would demonstrate the County Council’s compliance with the duty set out Section 85 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 to have regard to the purpose of the designation of the AONBs.

**Q3. Do you think any policies should not be included or should be combined with another policy?**

Yes- not included       Yes- combine       No       Don't know

**Q4. If yes, please give details**

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### **Section 3: Draft policies**

#### **Network Management**

- Policy NM1      Oxfordshire County Council will manage the road networks efficiently to reduce congestion and minimise disruption and delays to the travelling public.
- Policy NM2      Oxfordshire County Council will ensure that public travel information is timely, accurate and consistent.
- Policy NM3      Junctions and crossings on the network will be designed to operate as effectively as possible.
- Policy NM4      Oxfordshire County Council will extend network management systems across the county over the course of the Plan.

**Q5. Please write any comments you have on the policies above in the space below. Please write the policy reference next to each of your comments, for example NM1.**

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#### **Highways Asset Management**

- Policy HAMP1    Oxfordshire County Council will use a whole life approach in assessing its programmes and schemes for maintaining Oxfordshire's transport networks. *(A whole life approach looks at the overall costs of a scheme over its lifetime, rather than just the initial cost of construction.)*
- Policy HAMP2    The annual programmes of schemes will be determined by using a value added system of prioritisation, together with a programme of community-led schemes. *(Community-led schemes are schemes which are identified by local people rather than as a result of the County Council's monitoring processes.)*
- Policy HAMP3    Oxfordshire County Council will use best practice in developing drainage systems for roads and other transport assets including the use of Sustainable Drainage Solutions systems wherever appropriate.

**Q6. Please write any comments you have on the policies above in the space below. Please write the policy reference next to each of your comments, for example HAMP1.**

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## **Highway Network Development**

- Policy ND1      Oxfordshire County Council will work to ensure that the road network can meet the requirements of a growing county, and will put forward improvement proposals where these are needed.
- Policy ND2      Where network development is identified as being required, Oxfordshire County Council will apply a sequential test in identifying the appropriate form of improvement. *(In a sequential test all types of solution are considered for a problem with non-road building solutions considered first, followed by small scale and then large scale improvements.)*

**Q7. Please write any comments you have on the policies above in the space below. Please write the policy reference next to each of your comments, for example ND1.**

ND1 should include reference to other considerations, particularly environmental. Not all demands can be met without unacceptable environmental harm.

## **Public Transport Services**

- Policy PTS1      Oxfordshire County Council will create the conditions for effective and successful commercial bus operation, particularly on routes in and between Oxford and the larger towns, with the result that any available subsidy can then be focused on areas of low population density where commercial operation is much more unlikely.
- Policy PTS2      Oxfordshire County Council will establish a three-tier hierarchy of bus services as the basis for the development of an appropriate network of services. This hierarchy will consist of:
- *Premium Routes* operating at turn up and go frequencies,
  - *Hourly+* services operating at frequencies of at least once an hour during weekdays, and
  - *Local Services* meeting local accessibility needs only.
- Policy PTS3      Oxfordshire County Council will publish, and keep up-to-date, a separate Bus Services Funding Strategy. *(Publication of a Bus Services Funding Strategy is a legal requirement for transport authorities which they can choose to either include within their Local Transport Plan or publish separately.)*

- Policy PTS4 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.
- Policy PTS5 Oxfordshire County Council will work to ensure that all new developments in Oxfordshire are served by high quality public transport services.
- Policy PTS6 Oxfordshire County Council will work with public transport operators to find improvements to ticketing arrangements to make travel easier, particularly where these reduce boarding times.
- Policy PTS7 Oxfordshire County Council will work with bus operators and other partners to ensure that good quality information is publicly available and that this contributes to increasing the attractiveness of public transport.
- Policy PTS8 Opportunities for expansion of Park & Ride services and sites will be investigated across the county.
- Policy PTS9 Oxfordshire County Council will assist in the development of coach services by providing facilities where justified by actual or potential demand, and will consider pump-priming funding for these where appropriate. *(Pump-priming is the use of subsidy support for a new bus service in order that it can build up sufficient passenger numbers for it to become commercially viable.)*
- Policy PTS10 Oxfordshire County Council will work with the Health Trusts to improve access to healthcare by bus can be improved.
- Policy PTS11 Oxfordshire County Council will encourage the use of buses that meet high emissions standards, particularly on services passing through designated Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA).

**Q8. Please write any comments you have on the policies above in the space below. Please write the policy reference next to each of your comments, for example PTS1.**

PTS 5. Surely the County cannot commit to serving "all developments" by public transport – even isolated barn conversions? Perhaps the word "significant" or similar is required before "all"

PTS 11 should include reference to encouraging increased bus use in areas where air quality is a problem.

## **Public Transport Infrastructure**

- Policy PT11 A network of attractive, frequent, and reliable bus services will continue to be developed, operating on routes where delays are minimised by providing sections of segregated road and/or through giving priority to the movement of buses through congested junctions.
- Policy PT12 High quality, welcoming infrastructure for bus passengers at key interchanges, Park & Ride sites, main railway stations and other places where people might change from one mode of transport to another will be pursued.
- Policy PT13 Up-to-date, comprehensive information about bus services and links to ticketing technology will be made available at interchanges, bus stops and other places.
- Policy PT14 The location and layout of new developments will be influenced so that attractive, frequent and reliable bus services can be provided offering new residents and employees a real choice of using public transport.

**Q9. Please write any comments you have on the policies above in the space below. Please write the policy reference next to each of your comments, for example PT11.**

PT12 should include reference to “appropriate” locations, where environmental harm can be mitigated. Park and Ride sites in particular can have significant adverse landscape impact.
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## **Rail**

- Policy R1 Oxfordshire County Council will work with the rail industry and other partners to deliver a range of improvements to rail services both within the county and linking it to a wider range of destinations.
- Policy R2 Oxfordshire County Council will support the establishment of an Oxfordshire Quality Rail Partnership and support community involvement in rail issues through the development of Community Rail Partnerships.
- Policy R3 Oxfordshire County Council will seek opportunities to integrate rail improvements with other local transport improvements to increase the use of rail for locally based journeys.
- Policy R4 Oxfordshire County Council will support proposals for electrification of the Great Western Line and will work with the rail industry to facilitate this as required.

**Q10. Please write any comments you have on the policies above in the space below. Please write the policy reference next to each of your comments, for example R1.**

Policy R3. Substitute “support” for “seek” in first line to give more emphasis to the encouragement of rail use.

**Cycling**

- Policy CY1 Journey origin and destination and other survey data will be used to identify where the greatest potential for increasing cycle use exists, to ensure that an effective, targeted and value for money approach is adopted.
- Policy CY2 Oxfordshire County Council will develop programmes to improve facilities for cycling where this will effectively encourage more cycling trips.
- Policy CY3 Oxfordshire County Council will ensure that the design of all transport improvements considers the needs of cyclists and helps to encourage more cycling.
- Policy CY4 Oxfordshire County Council will promote cycling as a healthy, convenient and mainstream mode of travel.
- Policy CY5 Oxfordshire County Council will work closely with other interested groups to encourage greater levels of cycling

**Q11. Please write any comments you have on the policies above in the space below. Please write the policy reference next to each of your comments, for example CY1.**

Support

## **Walking**

- Policy W1 Oxfordshire County Council will promote walking as a healthy, attractive and fun mode of transport.
- Policy W2 Oxfordshire County Council will develop networks of high quality pedestrian routes across Oxford and Oxfordshire's towns.
- Policy W3 Oxfordshire County Council will use street audit processes to determine the nature of improvements to walking facilities. (*Street audits use the knowledge of local people to evaluate the quality of the local area and propose improvements.*)
- Policy W4 Improvements to walking facilities in rural areas will be investigated where this could lead to improved safety, better access to public transport or better integration with the Public Rights of Way network.

**Q12. Please write any comments you have on the policies above in the space below. Please write the policy reference next to each of your comments, for example W1.**

Support

## **Road Safety**

- Policy RS1 Oxfordshire County Council will adopt the national casualty reduction targets and develop local indicators to reflect any additional local priorities.
- Policy RS2 Road safety activity will continue to focus on using accident statistics and analysis to identify and implement improvements to the highway network.
- Policy RS3 Oxfordshire County Council will use a range of measures to reduce the number of casualties in road accidents, including engineering, education and training.

**Q13. Please write any comments you have on the policies above in the space below. Please write the policy reference next to each of your comments, for example RS1.**

Support

### **Motorcycling & Motorcycle Safety**

- Policy MCS1      Oxfordshire will be promoted as a safe and welcoming county for motorcycling.
- Policy MCS2      Reducing the current high casualty rate will be the main focus of motorcycle activities.

**Q14. Please write any comments you have on the policies above in the space below. Please write the policy reference next to each of your comments, for example MCS1.**

Recreational motorcycling should be discouraged in sensitive areas such as the AONBs. There would be harm to tranquility caused by “promoting” these areas of Oxfordshire for recreational motorcycling.

### **Travel Planning**

- Policy TP1      Oxfordshire County Council will continue to focus on reducing car use on the school run and congestion at and around schools.
- Policy TP2      Oxfordshire County Council will extend travel planning to include local areas, towns and major developments.
- Policy TP3      Oxfordshire County Council will develop workplace travel planning services which can be offered to external customers.

**Q15. Please write any comments you have on the policies above in the space below. Please write the policy reference next to each of your comments, for example TP1.**

Support

## **Parking**

- Policy P1 Oxfordshire County Council will manage the parking under its control in order to both maximise the transport and wider economic benefits in the local area.
- Policy P2 Oxfordshire County Council will seek to control off-street parking to appropriate levels, taking into account the needs of development, congestion reduction and sustainability.
- Policy P3 Oxfordshire County Council will introduce residents' parking schemes where these will contribute to meeting the Council's strategy for an area.

**Q16. Please write any comments you have on the policies above in the space below. Please write the policy reference next to each of your comments, for example P1.**

Parking provision in sensitive rural areas such as AONBs should be carefully controlled and promoted to avoid unnecessary car usage and encourage access by public transport to these areas for recreational activity.

## **Street Environment and the Public Realm**

- Policy SEPR1 The street environment and public realm in Oxford and the larger towns will be improved by a programme of schemes developed by Oxfordshire County Council in association with district and local councils and other partners.
- Policy SEPR2 Oxfordshire County Council will carry out a de-cluttering of the street environment, either as part of specific improvement schemes or in association with other improvement or maintenance schemes. *(De-cluttering is the removal of unnecessary street signs, traffic control equipment and other street furniture in order to produce a more attractive and efficient local environment.)*
- Policy SEPR3 Street audit processes will be used to determine the nature of street environment and public realm improvements. *(Street audits use the knowledge of local people to evaluate the quality of the local area and propose improvements.)*

**Q17. Please write any comments you have on the policies above in the space below. Please write the policy reference next to each of your comments, for example SEPR1.**

This section should be renamed Highway Environment and the public realm – “Street” implies this only refers to the urban and suburban environment.

Policy SEPR1 include “including “shared space schemes” after “schemes” in line 2.

See comment above regarding additional policy relating to Chilterns and Cotswolds AONB guidelines.

## **Disability**

- Policy D1 Consultation with disabled people and their representatives will take place at the earliest stage in the development of schemes and initiatives so that the needs of all groups are considered.
- Policy D2 Oxfordshire County Council will provide disability awareness training for all appropriate staff.

**Q18. Please write any comments you have on the policies above in the space below. Please write the policy reference next to each of your comments, for example D1.**

Policy D1 should read “people with disabilities”, not “disabled people”

## **Freight and Distribution**

- Policy FD1 Oxfordshire County Council will support moves to transfer freight movements from roads to rail or water, where this would not cause unacceptable local problems.
- Policy FD2 Oxfordshire County Council will identify a network of routes suitable for freight movement into, out of, through and within the county and will ensure that this network remains suitable for freight movements.
- Policy FD3 Oxfordshire County Council will support local strategies to ensure that businesses can make and receive necessary deliveries efficiently and effectively while balancing this with protection of the local environment.
- Policy FD4 Oxfordshire County Council will generally support applications for the provision of new rest facilities for lorries, particularly overnight facilities, provided that they are located on or adjacent to major routes and they do not cause unacceptable problems to local communities, the environment or road networks.
- Policy FD5 Oxfordshire County Council will not support any increase in overall permitted size or weight of lorries.

**Q19. Please write any comments you have on the policies above in the space below. Please write the policy reference next to each of your comments, for example FD1.**

FD1. Whilst this policy is welcomed, the last phrase could be removed. Any proposals would need to consider such issues.

FD3. Could include reference to weight restriction measures where these can be justified without unduly restricting business opportunities, particularly in rural areas.

**Public Rights of Way and access to natural green space**

- Policy PROW1 Oxfordshire County Council will promote a Public Rights of Way network which enables access for all.
- Policy PROW2 Public Rights of Way will be protected and well maintained.
- Policy PROW3 Oxfordshire County Council will develop a more joined-up Public Right of Way network that meets the needs and demands of users whilst accommodating the interests of land managers, the natural environment and our cultural heritage.
- Policy 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.

**Q20. Please write any comments you have on the policies above in the space below. Please write the policy reference next to each of your comments, for example PROW1.**

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**Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles**

- Policy TPHV1 Oxfordshire County Council promotes the continued use and growth of taxis in order to meet local transport and accessibility needs.
- Policy TPHV2 Oxfordshire County Council will liaise with licensing authorities on the provision of taxi rank capacity and minimising conflicts between taxis and buses.
- Policy TPHV3 Oxfordshire County Council will keep the use of bus priority lanes by taxis under review.
- Policy TPHV4 Oxfordshire County Council will continue to work with Thames Valley Police and its district council partners to protect driver and passenger safety and security and where possible minimise potential risk, particularly at night.

**Q21. Please write any comments you have on the policies above in the space below. Please write the policy reference next to each of your comments, for example TPHV1.**

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## **Air Travel**

- Policy AT1 Oxfordshire County Council will encourage individuals to make journeys by sustainable modes, particularly for domestic trips within mainland Britain, rather than air travel.
- Policy AT2 Oxfordshire County Council will encourage airfield and airport operators within the county to make the best use of their existing site, runway and terminal capacity before considering expansion proposals.
- Policy AT3 Oxfordshire County Council will encourage its aviation partners to explore and put in place measures to reduce airborne pollutants, including carbon.
- Policy AT4 Oxfordshire County Council will support practices and regulatory standards that minimise the impact of air travel activities on the natural landscape and local wildlife.
- Policy AT5 Oxfordshire County Council will promote the use of more sustainable transport modes to access air travel.

**Q22. Please write any comments you have on the policies above in the space below. Please write the policy reference next to each of your comments, for example AT1.**

Policy AT4 Include reference to tranquility.
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## **Waterways**

- Policy 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.
- Policy WW2 Oxfordshire County Council will seek opportunities for external funding for waterway schemes and improvements to the connecting networks.
- Policy WW3 Oxfordshire County Council will support strategies and initiatives that help tackle crime on the county's waterways and towpaths.
- Policy WW4 Oxfordshire County Council will work with its waterway partners and actively seek new partnerships in order to promote increased visitor and recreational awareness and use of the waterways network.

**Q23. Please write any comments you have on the policies above in the space below. Please write the policy reference next to each of your comments, for example WW1.**

WW1. Whilst this policy is welcomed, the last phrase could be removed. Any proposals would need to consider such issues.

WW4. This policy needs to include reference to avoiding harm to environmental assets.

**Q 24. Any other comments about the draft Local Transport Plan policies?**



**Thank you for taking part in this consultation.**

**Please return this questionnaire to:  
(No stamp or further address details needed)**

**LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN  
FREEPOST OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**by Sunday 21 February 2010**