

### Programme for the Oxfordshire Plan 2050

The production of the Oxfordshire Plan follows the same process and statutory stages and regulations as a Local Plan. In brief these are:



Consultation on the Regulation 18 part 1 document is currently underway (11<sup>th</sup> February to 25<sup>th</sup> March). Work has therefore begun on the detailed scoping (and procurement) of the work necessary to produce the Regulation 18 part 2 document. A great deal of evidence base work is required to inform and then support the draft options that will be contained in that document and be consulted on. These include:

- Sustainability Appraisal
- Habitat Regulations Assessment
- Housing Needs and Employment Needs Assessment
- Land Availability including Call for Ideas
- Green Belt Assessment
- Water Cycle Study
- Health Impact Assessment
- Role of Town Centres
- Living Labs
- Landscape, Heritage and Character
- Flood Risk Assessment
- Natural Capital
- Equalities Impact Assessment
- Transport Assessment
- Review of Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy

Many of these streams of work are (or will be) new commissions from consultancies expert in their fields, others will involve collating already existing evidence from within the constituent authorities, and some will be pieces of work carried out by the Oxfordshire Plan team in-house.

Alongside these evidence base studies there will also be an extensive programme of engagement and consultation and close working with the Duty to Co-operate Bodies including Oxfordshire’s neighbours and statutory agencies.

The approved Local Development Scheme sets out the broad programme for the production of the Oxfordshire Plan with the key consultation milestones.

<b>Project Stage</b>	<b>Date</b>
Early stakeholder engagement	Commenced
Consultation on Issues (Vision and objectives) (Reg 18 Part 1)	Feb/Mar 2019
Consultation on Issues (Scale of growth and broad locations) (Reg 18 Part 2)	Jun/Jul/Aug 2019
Consultation on Proposed Submission Draft Plan (Reg.19)	Oct/Nov/Dec 2019
Submission (Reg.22)	Mar 2020
Examination (Reg.24)	Sep 2020 tbc
Receipt and Publication of Inspector’s Report	Dec 2020 tbc
Adoption (Reg.26) by each partner local planning authority	Mar 2021 (subject to examination)

It is worth noting that we are currently in discussion with MHCLG and Highways England with regard to the emerging programme for the OxCam Expressway project. The Oxfordshire Plan and the OxCam Expressway are two current projects with very clear links and each would benefit from information sharing with the other. It would be beneficial to the Oxfordshire Plan if the tasks involved in producing and testing options for the potential location of development were carried out alongside the tasks that Highways England will undertake to produce and test options for the potential location of the expressway. Conversations with MHCLG and Highways England will continue to this end and this may have implications for the timings quoted above.