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Introduction - Purpose of a Local Development Scheme

1. This is the Local Development Scheme (LDS) for the Oxfordshire Joint Statutory Spatial Plan (JSSP). It will be endorsed by the Oxfordshire Growth Board and then formally approved by the Oxfordshire District Planning Authorities.
2. The Oxfordshire authorities consider it important that stakeholders are engaged in the preparation of the JSSP; this LDS explains how the JSSP will be produced and when, so that it is clear when people will be able to get involved. It outlines the programme for completion and adoption of the Plan over the period to March 2021.
3. The LDS will be revised as necessary and rolled forward on a regular basis to take account of progress on preparation of the JSSP and monitoring, and any changes in Government guidance including the forthcoming revision of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)¹.

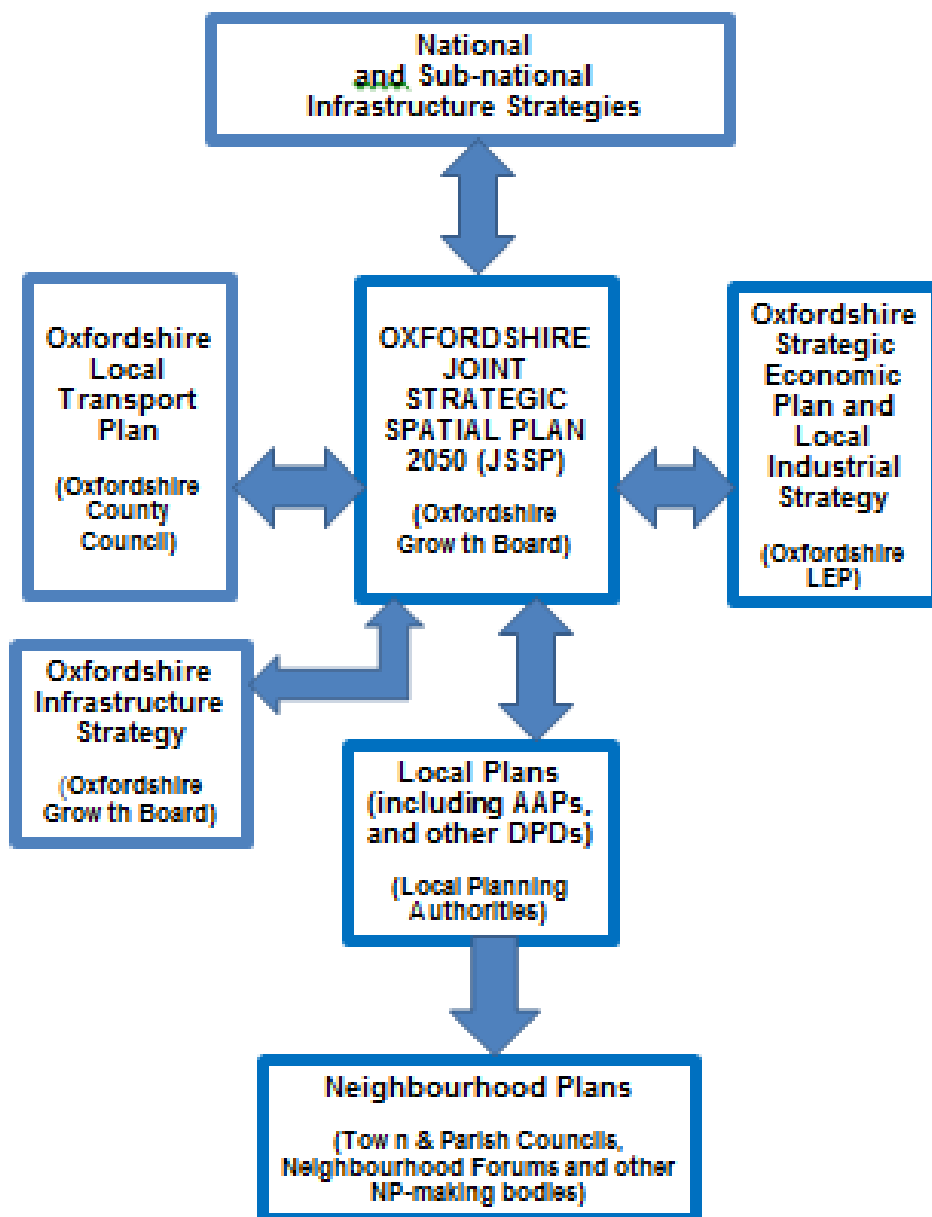
Background

4. The six Oxfordshire Councils and the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (OXLEP) have agreed the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal with Government. Under the terms of the Deal the local authorities have committed to producing an Oxfordshire Joint Statutory Spatial Plan (JSSP) for submission by 31 March 2020 and adoption by 31 March 2021, subject to examination process.
5. The JSSP will be a formal Development Plan Document (DPD), prepared under Section 28 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) which enables two or more local planning authorities to agree a joint Plan.
6. The JSSP will provide an Oxfordshire-wide, integrated strategic planning framework and supporting evidence base to support sustainable growth across the county to 2050, including the planned delivery of the new homes and economic development, and the anticipated supporting infrastructure needed.
7. Section 15 of the Act requires local planning authorities to prepare and maintain a LDS which specifies:
 - the documents which are to be Development Plan Documents;
 - the subject matter and geographical area to which each Development Plan Document is to relate;
 - which documents are to be development plan documents
 - which Development Plan Documents are to be prepared jointly with one or more other local planning authorities;
 - any matter or area in respect of which the authorities have agreed (or propose to agree) to the constitution of a joint committee;
 - the timetable for the preparation and revision of the Development Plan Documents; and
 - such other matters as are prescribed.
8. The JSSP will set the strategic framework for the preparation of local plans in Oxfordshire; as a development plan document, on adoption it will become part of the Development Plan for each local planning authority area. In view of its importance in

¹ A revised NPPF is expected to be published by Government in Summer 2018

establishing the strategic direction of growth for the county it is appropriate that a LDS be prepared for it in its own right. This LDS is only concerned with that document.

9. The Oxfordshire Local Planning Authorities will separately each prepare and maintain a LDS for production of their own Local Plans.
10. Neighbourhood Plans produced by Town or Parish Councils or other relevant bodies are prepared to a timescale set by each plan-making body; they are not legally defined as development plan documents but on adoption they become part of the statutory Development Plan.
11. Fig 1 below shows the relationship between the JSSP and the Local Plans and Neighbourhood Plans



The Oxfordshire Joint Statutory Spatial Plan (JSSP)

12. The JSSP will be a countywide strategic plan which integrates planning for growth and infrastructure; considering quality of life and place-making issues to secure sustainable development.
13. It will identify the overall quantum of housing and economic growth within Oxfordshire to be planned for to 2050 and their distribution across the county, strategic priorities, and strategic infrastructure necessary to deliver the spatial strategy. Its preparation will include the calculation of new housing need figures based upon the Government's finalised methodology, and the implications of the Oxford to Cambridge Corridor. The detailed scope of the JSSP will be defined early in the process of preparation.
14. The JSSP will set the strategic planning context within which Local Plans will sit. It will link to a new 2050 Transport Vision and a new Oxfordshire Local Industrial Strategy. It will also integrate with the higher-level framework to be developed for the Oxford - Milton Keynes - Cambridge Growth Corridor.

Statement of Community Involvement

15. A Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) has been produced specifically to explain how local communities and other stakeholders will be engaged in the preparation of the JSSP.

Programme for the production JSSP

16. The programme for preparing the JSSP is set out in the schedule below.

Title	Oxfordshire Joint Statutory Spatial Plan	
Subject Matter	The JSSP will identify the overall quantum of housing and economic growth within Oxfordshire to be planned for to 2050 and their distribution across the county, strategic priorities, and strategic infrastructure necessary to deliver the spatial strategy.	
Geographical Area	Oxfordshire	
Status	Development Plan Document (DPD)	
Timetable (Dates are on or before)	Formal commencement (signing of Oxfordshire Housing & Growth Deal)	31 January 2018
	Early Stakeholder Engagement	September 2018 TBC
	Consultation on Preferred Strategy Options (Reg. 18)	February / March 2019
	Consultation on Proposed Submission Draft Plan (Reg. 19)	October / November 2019
	Submission (Reg. 22)	March 2020
	Examination (Reg. 24)	Expected September 2020 TBC
	Receipt and Publication of Inspector's Report	December 2020
	Adoption (Reg 26)	March 2021 (subject to

	examination)
	Notes: Examination dates and subsequent programme subject to confirmation from the Planning Inspectorate and views of Inspector.
Resources Required	A JSSP Sub Group and a specific JSSP Project Team will be established and support the process.

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