

Appendix 2 – Memorandum of Understanding on Transport

Memorandum of Understanding On the Planning and Delivery of Transport Infrastructure

Parties agreeing to memorandum

Vale of White Horse District Council, South Oxfordshire District Council and Oxfordshire County Council.

Introduction

This memorandum demonstrates each council's continued commitment to ensuring that planning for strategic infrastructure is co-ordinated, appropriate policies are put in place, and allows for further development of the evidence base, where appropriate, to strengthen the transport case for individual schemes in the context of supporting planned growth across Oxfordshire.

Policy

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that:

Local planning authorities should work collaboratively with other bodies to ensure that strategic priorities across local boundaries are properly co-ordinated and clearly reflected in individual Local Plans

In the context of this national policy, the following undertakings are made:

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse commit to develop policies for the safeguarding of land in their local plans to enable the future provision of agreed infrastructure schemes, including safeguarding designations for schemes that cross the district boundary.

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse commit to continue to develop an Area Action Plan for Science Vale that will ensure a co-ordinated approach to the delivery of planned development and infrastructure in the area.

Oxfordshire County Council commits to continuing to develop plans for transport infrastructure in line with its emerging Local Transport Plan 4, and any future updates or replacement.

Funding for transport infrastructure

All parties commit to working together, embracing a collaborative and partnership approach, to develop evidence and policy to assist delivery of the required transport infrastructure necessary to support growth. A number of strategic transport schemes, including several cross border schemes, have already been identified within local plan infrastructure delivery plans and Local Transport Plan 4. It is also recognised that other schemes could become priorities as further more detailed evidence emerges.

All parties commit to continuing to work on the development of business cases associated with securing funding for the transport improvements required to support growth.

All parties commit to continuing to positively input to the planning process for strategic development where this impacts on the funding and/or delivery of identified strategic transport infrastructure.

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse commit to continuing to develop their Infrastructure Delivery Plans which indicate the funding required from all sources to deliver transport improvements. Oxfordshire County Council commits to assisting in the preparation of the Infrastructure Delivery Plans and CIL 123 lists. The district councils also commit to putting in place the mechanisms needed for transfer of funds from the Community Infrastructure Levy, when it comes into place, towards required transport schemes.

Signed for

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