

Eco Bicester Strategic Delivery Board

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To make the Board aware of the consultation on the Draft Local Transport Plan (LTP) with a view to submitting comments on behalf of the Bicester Strategic Delivery Board.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Oxfordshire Local Transport Plan 2011-2030 and referred to as LTP3 was adopted by Oxfordshire County Council in April 2011. Further changes were approved by the OCC Cabinet in 2012. In March 2014, the OCC Cabinet approved updated area strategies for a number of towns in the County including Bicester. The update to the Bicester Area strategy took account of the Bicester masterplan and movement study, the Cherwell Local Plan and transport modelling.
- 2.2 OCC is developing a new transport plan, LTP4 "*Connecting Oxfordshire*". It carried out a high level consultation on the objectives in summer 2014 and is now seeking further views on the Draft LTP4. Consultation on the LTP4 opened on 5th February 2015 and the deadline for submitting comments is Thursday 2nd April 2015.
- 2.3 In terms of Bicester, this means a revised area strategy recognising the town's Garden Town status and growth proposals. It aims to support the aspirations set out in the emerging Cherwell Local Plan, the Bicester Masterplan and Bicester Movement Study as well as Eco-town standards and the transport development requirements of the North West Bicester Supplementary Planning Document. It identifies a series of overall improvements to increase capacity in the locality and sets out to implement a Sustainable Transport Strategy for the town enabled by the delivery of effective peripheral routes around the town. OCC will also seek to accommodate strategic rail initiatives such as East West Rail and a potential rail freight interchange in Bicester.
- 2.4 The area strategy identifies a package of measures required to mitigate the cumulative impact of development in Bicester. Developer contributions will be sought to deliver schemes. Additional funding may also be sought through the Local Transport Board to the Local Growth Fund and other sources.
- 2.5 The Science Transit Strategy supports the Draft LTP and relates to improved connectivity within, to and from the Knowledge Spine (Science Vale – Oxford – Bicester). It provides a vision of future mobility in Oxfordshire with numerous references to Bicester throughout. As such it should complement the initiatives underway in the town including the Bicester Sustainable Transport Strategy.

- 2.6 The objectives and proposals set out in the LTP policies should be generally welcomed as they broadly reflect the aims and aspirations of the Eco Bicester One Shared Vision. The Local Transport Plan team should be encouraged to work more closely with the Bicester Delivery Team in progressing the LTP4 towards adoption and implementation.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Board is recommended to:

- 1) Note the report
- 2) Use the report as the basis of a consultation response on behalf of the Bicester Strategic Delivery Board to be submitted by the consultation deadline on 2nd April 2015.
- 3) Encourage the Bicester Delivery Team to work more closely with the Local Transport Team in delivering the Area Strategy for Bicester and embedding the Bicester Sustainable Transport Strategy in LTP4.