



## **Council**

**Monday 18 October 2021**

### **Agenda Item 15, Motions**

**Motion Proposer: Councillor Ian Corkin**

**Motion Seconder: TBC**

**Topic: Planning**

#### **Motion**

“This council believes that planning works best when developers and communities work closely together to shape local areas when delivering new homes, infrastructure and commercial sites.

Notwithstanding the above, this Council further believes that the ability of individual residents to support or object to planning applications is an invaluable part of the planning system. As we await the emerging Planning Reform Bill, this council calls on the Leader of the Council to closely monitor the situation and lobby as appropriate, the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities, The Local Government Association and the District Councils Network to ask them to support and uphold this vital principle”

**Motion Proposer: Councillor Kieron Mallon**

**Motion Seconder: TBC**

**Topic: Banbury FM**

#### **Motion**

“This Council welcomes Banbury FM’s objective to secure a licence to provide a locally run radio station dedicated to the listeners of North Oxfordshire.

More particularly, this Council supports Banbury FM’s aspiration to operate the local DAB multiplex and to secure an FM community radio licence when they become available.

This Council requests that the Leader writes to Ofcom and the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) to convey our support to Banbury FM for its initiative to persuade Ofcom of Banbury FM’s community-mindedness and licensing credentials to ensure that Banbury FM’s laudable aims can be realised”.

**Motion Proposer: Councillor Ian Middleton**

**Motion Seconder: John Broad**

**Topic: Oxford Cambridge Arc**

**Motion**

“Council notes that the Government recently completed a public consultation on the Vision for The Oxford to Cambridge Arc.

The consultation appeared to be designed in such a way as to suggest that growth is a given and provided little opportunity to challenge the need for the Arc project.

The government commissioned Dasgupta Review criticised the UK's approach to growth and the belief that technological progress can overcome the exhaustibility of natural resources.

While there have been attempts to prioritise nature and climate action by proposing the Arc Environmental Principles, the recent consultation essentially ignored them.

This 'top-down' approach overrides public opinion, flies in the face of planetary resource constraints and is incompatible with the levelling up agenda or commitments to combat climate change.

Council notes these concerns and asks the Leader to write to the Minister for Levelling up, Housing and Communities, asking him to:

1. Set out clearly the Government's aims for the Arc, including expected costs, projected housing numbers and growth expectations.
2. Engage in genuine public consultation on the need for the Arc and if excessive growth should be targeted in the South East when other areas are in far greater need of investment to 'level up' the UK.
3. Ensure proper local democratic control, with local planning authorities able to set their own housing requirements based on local need.
4. Ensure local authorities within the Arc area have the powers and funding to protect biodiversity, enable nature restoration and maintain the highest environmental standards.”