



Council

Monday 28 February 2022

Agenda Item 21, Motions

Motion Proposer: Councillor Ian Middleton

Motion Seconder: TBC

Topic: Oxfordshire Growth Needs Assessment (OGNA)

Motion

“The recent Regulation 18 Part 2 consultation on the Oxfordshire 2050 Plan proposes three growth projections which could be used as the basis for assessing the scale of longer-term housing growth in Oxfordshire. These projections originate from the Oxfordshire Growth Needs Assessment (OGNA) which is a report prepared by consultants advising the Oxfordshire councils.

Major civic groups throughout the county have criticised the basis for the OGNA and have called for it to be peer reviewed before these figures are locked into future stages of the planning and consultation process.

This is now even more vital after a preliminary report on the Regulation 18 consultation response suggested that the highest (or transformational) level of growth was being favoured, although it seems that this was due in large part to responses from landowners and property developers.

This would represent a further significant level of predicted growth in the county which will need to be supported by this council as part of our local plan priorities. This in turn could have serious implications for our five year land supply commitments which are already under considerable strain in Cherwell.

This Council therefore supports calls for an urgent independent peer review of the OGNA to be carried out before we reach the next stage (regulation 19) of the consultation process for the Oxfordshire 2050 Plan. This should include an assessment of the methodology along with clear explanations of the effect of the choices that have been made in preparing the projections.”