



Abingdon-on-Thames & the Eastern Vale Movement and Place Plan

Engagement Pack

June 2026



Policy Context

What are Movement and Place Plans?

- Supporting strategy to the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan and are effectively 'Part 2' of the LTCP.
- Reflect Oxfordshire's changing priority to **place shaper of choice** and are a better articulation of our strategy in this regard.
- Objectives and Actions have been developed for our places with a focus on achieving **liveable, healthy neighbourhoods** and to help demonstrate and achieve integration across different modes. They will be developed with assistance from our district partners.
- Provide a framework with **clear actions for delivery at different spatial levels** to help us work with partners, provide a means to help monitor status and progress in delivery of schemes as part of an overall package of measures.



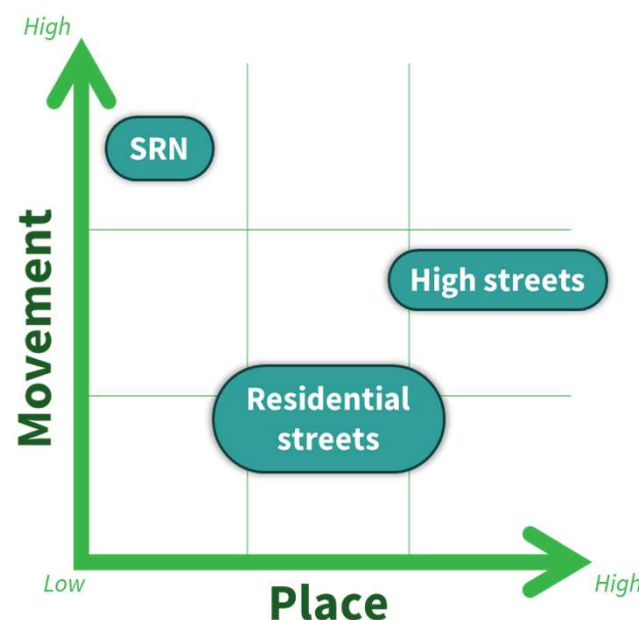
The Movement and Place Plans will be 'Live' documents. Which will be updated regularly.

Why 'movement and place'?

- LTCP notes the importance of **healthy place shaping**, with Oxfordshire leading the way in terms of implementing this place-based approach.
- Place shaping is collaborative approach which aims to create sustainable, well designed, thriving communities where healthy behaviours are the norm, and which provide a sense of belonging, identity and community.
- It is important to recognise that streets have both movement and place functions.
- Policies 9 to 14 of the LTCP focus on **healthy place shaping and Vision Led approach**.
- MAP Plans will have an equal emphasis on enabling **movement and shaping places**.

LTCP Place Shaping Outcome:

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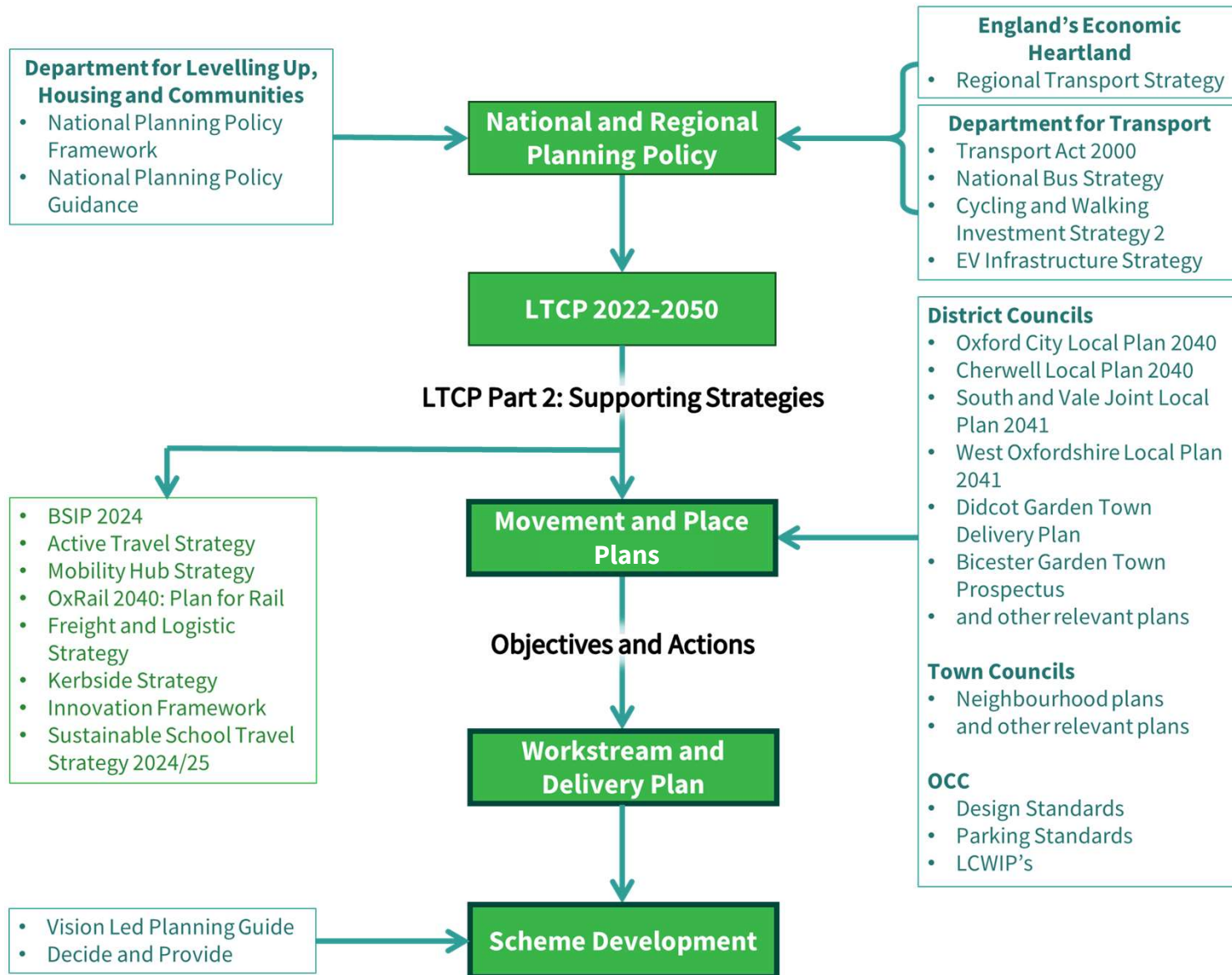
Adapted from Manual for Streets (2007), p. 19

Movement and Place Plans in a Policy Context

The LTCP provides high level policy framework and targets.

MAP Plans contain more specific details for different modes and geographic area.

Delivery Plan to be developed with Place team to establish future workloads and timeline for schemes in the MAP Plans areas.





LTCP Vision

“Our Local Transport and Connectivity Plan vision is for an **inclusive and safe net-zero Oxfordshire transport system** that enables all parts of the county to thrive.

It will tackle inequality, be better for health, wellbeing and social inclusivity, and have zero road fatalities or life-changing injuries. It will also enhance our natural and historic environment and enable the county to be one of the world’s leading innovation economies.

Our plan sets out to achieve this by reducing the need to travel and private car use through making walking, cycling, public and shared transport the natural first choice.”





LTCP Targets

By 2030:

- Replace or remove 1 out of every 4 current car trips in Oxfordshire
- Increase the number of cycle trips in Oxfordshire from 600,000 to 1 million cycle trips per week
- Reduce road fatalities or life changing injuries by 50%

By 2040:

- Deliver a net-zero transport network
- Replace or remove an additional 1 out of 3 car trips in Oxfordshire

By 2050:

- Deliver a transport network that contributes to a climate positive future
- Have zero, or as close as possible, road fatalities or life-changing injuries



MAP Plans – Nine Defined Outcomes

- The nine defined outcomes were developed to ensure they reflect the LTCP vision and its targets.
- Outcomes were agreed at E&P briefing in 2023.
- All Objectives and Actions are marked against these outcomes, ensuring the Plans support the LTCP:

Table AEV1: Summary of Objectives in relation to the nine MAP Plan outcomes

	Objective	Outcome								
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
AEV1	Enhance public realm in settlement centres.	✓	✓	✓						✓
AEV2	Create a sense of togetherness, place, inclusiveness, and community in new and existing places.	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓
AEV3	Deliver a comprehensive, comfortable, direct, safe, coherent and inclusive walking, wheeling and cycling network.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
AEV4	Improve accessibility for Non-Motorised Users (NMUs)	✓	✓		✓					✓



A key change from LTP4 - Articulating the Plan through key components of Place Shaping



Using the lens of place shaping will help to provide a more people focused approach

We will deliver **Objective AEV1** through the following actions:

- 1.1 Investigate options for the development of schemes for improved public realm, walking, wheeling, cycling, and public transport in town, villages and at local centres.
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MAP Plan Boundaries

Please note all boundaries are 'fuzzy' and each MAP Plan accounts for the movement and connections between the different MAP Plan areas.



Work Programme

MAP Plan	Development of MAP Plans	Internal OCC Engagement	District Officer Engagement	Councillor Engagement	Stakeholder Engagement	Public Engagement	Adoption
Introduction	Completed	Completed	N/A	N/A	N/A	Completed	Adopted (Jan 26)
Science Vale	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Adopted (Jan 26)
Bicester and Surrounding Villages	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Adopted (Mar 26)
West Oxfordshire Lowlands	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	October 26
Kidlington and the Surrounding Villages	Completed	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	July 26	December 26
Abingdon and the Eastern Vale	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Sep 26	December 26
Thame, Chinnor and Watlington	Ongoing	July 26	Aug 26	Sept – Oct 26	Sept – Oct 26	Nov – Dec 26	Q1 2027
Banbury and the Surrounding Villages	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
West Oxfordshire Uplands	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Wallingford & Surrounding Area	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Western Vale	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Henley-on-Thames and Surrounding Area	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Central Oxfordshire (COTP Update)	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC

The background image shows a scenic view of Abingdon-on-Thames. In the foreground, there is a grassy bank on the left and a calm river reflecting the sky and buildings. On the right bank, there is a long, multi-story brick building with many windows, likely a historic structure. In the background, a church with a tall, pointed spire is visible. The overall scene is peaceful and picturesque.

Abingdon-on-Thames & the Eastern Vale

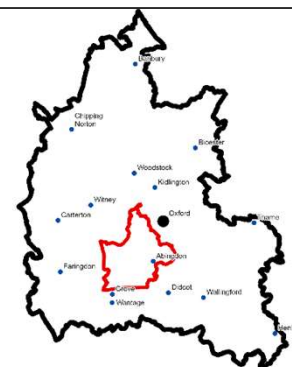
MAP Plan Area

- The MAP Plan boundary broadly follows the **Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area** set per the Vale of White Horse District's Local Plan 2031.
- The surrounding areas will be picked up in other MAP Plans:
 - Science Vale (South and SouthEast) – Adopted Jan
 - West Oxfordshire Lowlands (North) – Due to be adopted Oct 26
 - Central Oxfordshire Travel Plan (NorthEast) – Adopted 2023
 - Thame, Watlington and Surrounding Villages – Due to be adopted



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Vision for the MAP Plan Area

Build upon the areas historic links and heritage through embracing regeneration, which is sensitive to the needs of communities and unique character of the area. Creating a place where people feel proud to live, work, and visit.

Links to and from the area will be strengthened creating better options locally and to other parts of Oxfordshire and beyond, providing inclusive, safe and sustainable journeys, enabling people of all ages and abilities to access jobs, schools, healthcare, and leisure. New developments will integrate seamlessly with existing communities fostering well-connected, well-designed, vibrant places for all, and contribute to a sense of place.

Streets and public spaces will be enhanced so they feel welcoming, safe, and vibrant. They will be designed for people primarily supporting walking, wheeling, cycling, social interaction, and access to local amenities. Waterways and green space will be part of everyday life, connecting people with nature to support the health and wellbeing of communities.



How we developed the MAP Plan

1. Review the **BASELINE**

- a. What has been delivered from LTP4 and LTCP.
- b. What has been progressed but not delivered from LTP4 and LTCP.
- c. What is outstanding from the LTP4 and LTCP.
- d. What other schemes/projects are being progressed locally.

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- a. Review other local policy documents
- b. What other policy changes in have there been?

2. Recognise **CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES** for the communities in the Abingdon and the Eastern Vale Area.

3. Develop a series of **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS**

- a. Ensure they support the vision and targets of the LTCP.
- b. Where gaps have been identified – these need to be set out a future work schemes developed with our communities.



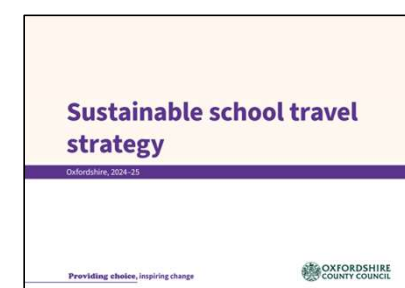
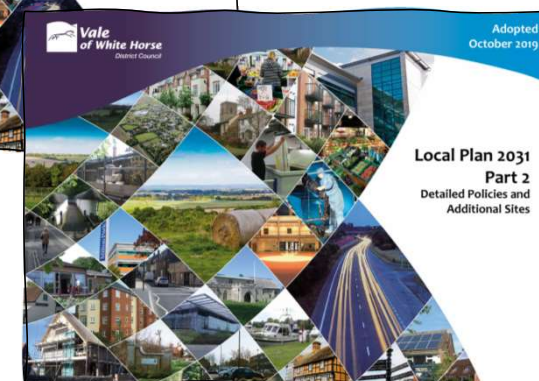
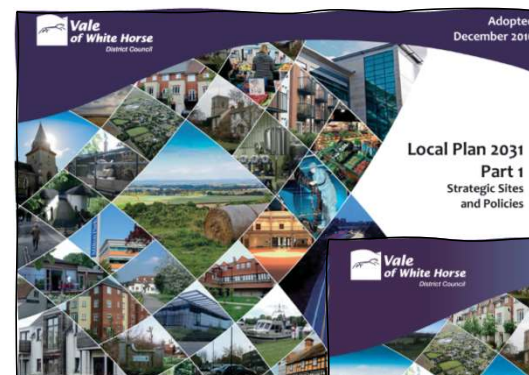
Where have the Objectives originated from?

- Policies / schemes from previous adopted policy documents have been reviewed.

Reviewed Documents



- Where policies / schemes have not been completed or progressed, they have been assessed to determine whether they are still relevant.
- The relevant schemes have been carried forward.
- Where gaps do exist, work will be undertaken to understand how these can be resolved – through co-production.





Schemes delivered since LTP4 and LTCP adoption

Completed Schemes

- Adoption of Abingdon, Didcot and Wantage & Grove Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs)
- Car club vehicles in Abingdon
- Peachcroft cycle lane/ path
- Radley Road cycle lane
- Bath Rd/Wotton Rd cycle improvements
- Radley Station Platform Lengthening
- Bus improvements
 - Improvements to X2/X3 service
 - Frequency increase on X(15) and extension to Oxford
 - New X1, X36, 45, 63 and 4c bus route
 - Electric buses introduced on routes 35 & 45
 - New ultra-low power RTI screens in Drayton and on Wootton Road

Schemes Progressed

- NCN 5 Missing Link
- A34 Lodge Hill Interchange Improvements
- Steventon Lights Integrated Transport Scheme
- Frilford and Marcham Improvements
- Nyatt Road Junction Improvements
- Abingdon-on-Thames Wayfinding Scheme
- Abingdon-on-Thames: Ock Street area
- Oxfordshire School Zones – Rush Common School
- Abbey Meadows replacement bridge
- Drayton traffic calming

Objectives and Actions

- This Plan will work towards achieving the targets of the LTCP, whilst addressing the challenges that are specific to the local area and establishing any gaps in our work programme.
- Each objective is supported by a series of actions that set out how the objective will towards achieving the aims and targets of the LTCP.
- The objectives and actions below have been grouped into topic areas with this being ordered in accordance with the National transport user hierarchy. There is a clear shift from LTP4 to having a place-shaping focus as part of the MAP Plan.
- We recognise the need to work on how this can be presented to make it more accessible to our residents. Our thinking is to include a more flexible geographic map-based approach, as well as referring the place wheel, and linking these to key journeys.



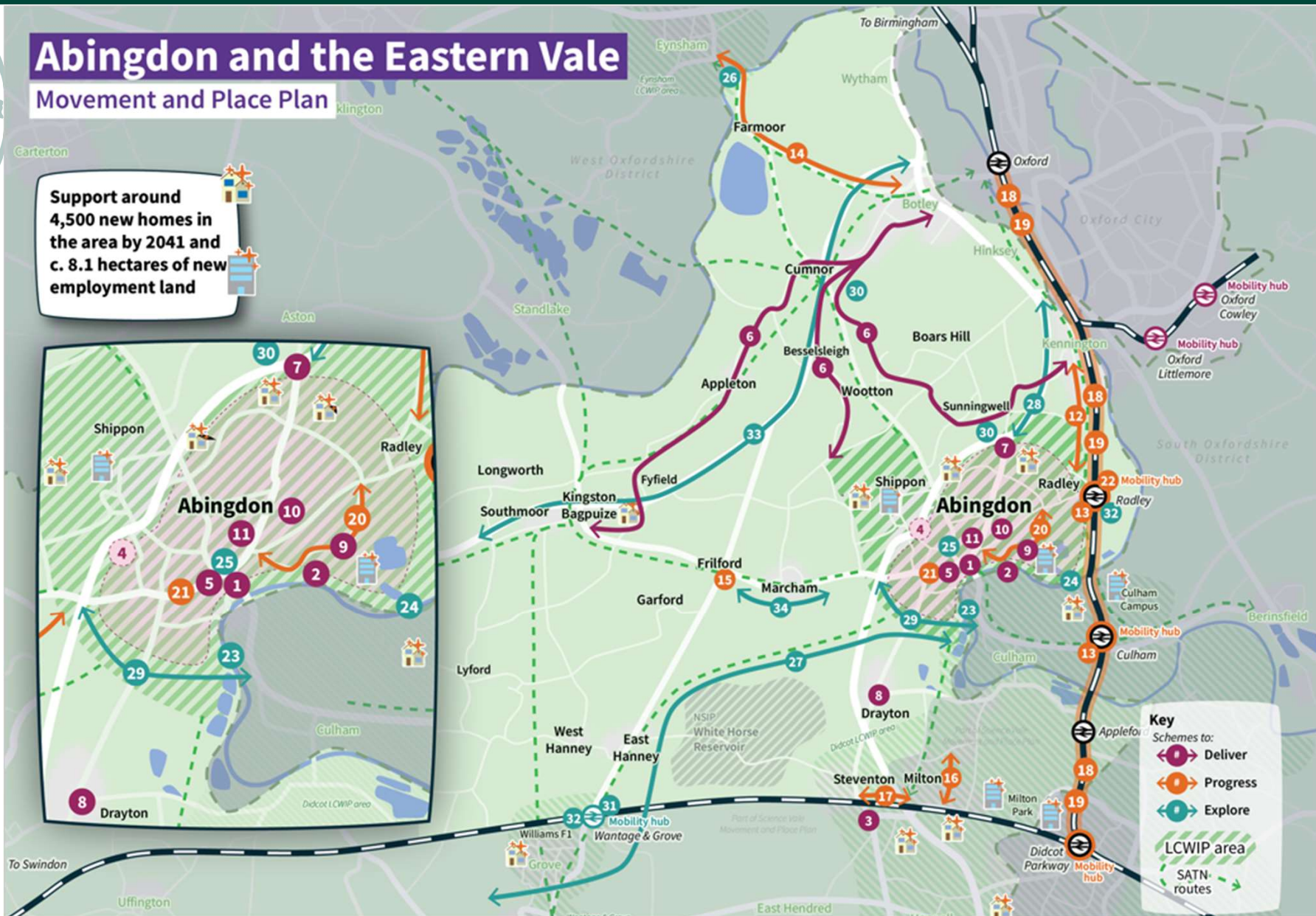
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Abingdon and the Eastern Vale

Movement and Place Plan

Support around
4,500 new homes in
the area by 2041 and
c. 8.1 hectares of new
employment land





Work with partners to deliver the following

- 1 NCN Route 5 Improvement Scheme** (Actions 3.9, 15.1)
 New cycleway, new & improved crossings and continuous footways
- 2 Replacement bridge at Abbey Meadows** (Action 5.4)
- 3 Stevenston Lights Integrated Transport Scheme** (Action 15.1)
 Improved walking and cycling facilities on the A4130.
 New eastbound bus lane on the A4130 and new bus stops
- 4 Abingdon Wayfinding Scheme** (Action 2.3)
 Improved signage and wayfinding around Abingdon-on-Thames
- 5 Ock Street Improvement Scheme** (Actions 3.8, 1.4)
 New cycle lanes and Sustainable place-making features
 Improvements to existing bus stops
- 6 Oxford Greenways Scheme (Corridors 3, 4 & 5)** (Actions 3.11, 15.1)
 New cycling and walking routes between local settlements and Oxford
- 7 A34 Lodge Hill Interchange Improvements** (Action 15.1)
 New south-facing slip roads, roundabout and traffic calming on local roads
Walking, wheeling and cycling improvements
- 8 Drayton traffic calming** (Action 15.1)
- 9 Nyatt Road/Audlett Drive Junction Improvements**
 Improved crossing facilities for cyclists
- 10 New School Streets zone – Rush Common School**
- 11 Central Abingdon Regeneration Framework (CARF)** (Actions 1.3, 1.4)

Work with partners to progress and shape the following

- 12 Kennington to Radley cycle route** (Action 3.10)
- 13 New cycle hubs at Radley and Culham rail stations** (Action 7.4)
- 14 Eynsham to Botley walking, wheeling and cycling route** (Action 7.5)
- 15 Frilford and Marcham Transport Study** (Action 16.1)
- 16 Kelaarts Field Active Travel improvements** (Actions 3.3, 3.5, 4.5, 16.2)
- 17 Cinder Track Active Travel improvements** (Actions 3.3, 3.5, 4.5, 16.2)
- 18 Electrification of Science Line between Didcot & Oxford** (Action 12.1)
- 19 Four-tracking of Science Line between Didcot & Oxford** (Action 12.1)
- 20 Walking, wheeling and cycling improvements along Audlett Drive** (Action 15.1)
 Improved walking, wheeling and cycling route and crossing points
- 21 Ock Street/ High Street feasibility study** (Actions 3.8, 16.1)
- 22 Improved passenger facilities at Radley rail station** (Action 12.5)
 Improvements to cycle parking, step free access and toilets

Explore future opportunities for consideration

- 23 Walking, wheeling and cycling infrastructure over the River Thames at Abingdon Marina** (Action 5.3)
- 24 Walking, wheeling and cycling infrastructure over the River Thames at North of Culham** (Action 5.2)
- 25 Abingdon Town Centre Movement Strategy** (Actions 9.1, 11.1)
- 26 Walking, wheeling and cycling improvements at Swinford Toll Bridge** (Action 5.6)
- 27 Re-opening of walking, wheeling and cycling route along the Wilts & Berks Canal** (Action 16.2)
- 28 A34 Northbound Bus Lane** (Action 16.2)
- 29 South Abingdon Movement Corridor** (Action 16.2)
- 30 New mobility hubs at Cumnor and Lodge Hill** (Actions 9.2, 18.4)
- 31 Wantage and Grove railway station and mobility hub** (Action 9.1)
- 32 East West Rail services to Radley and Wantage & Grove.** (Action 16.2)
- 33 A420 Corridor Study** (Actions 9.1, 17.1)
- 34 Marcham Movement Corridor**

Area-wide measures

- Deliver schemes in the Abingdon LCWIP
- Enhanced bus services and infrastructure through BSIP.
- Walking, wheeling and cycling barrier removal
- Travel behaviour change initiatives
- Development and delivery of SATN routes
- Network of cycle parking
- Public realm improvements
- Climate resilience projects
- Zero emission bus network
- Network of mini, linking, suburban and rural mobility hubs
- New car club and car share scheme
- Shared micromobility schemes
- Zero emission freight and delivery network

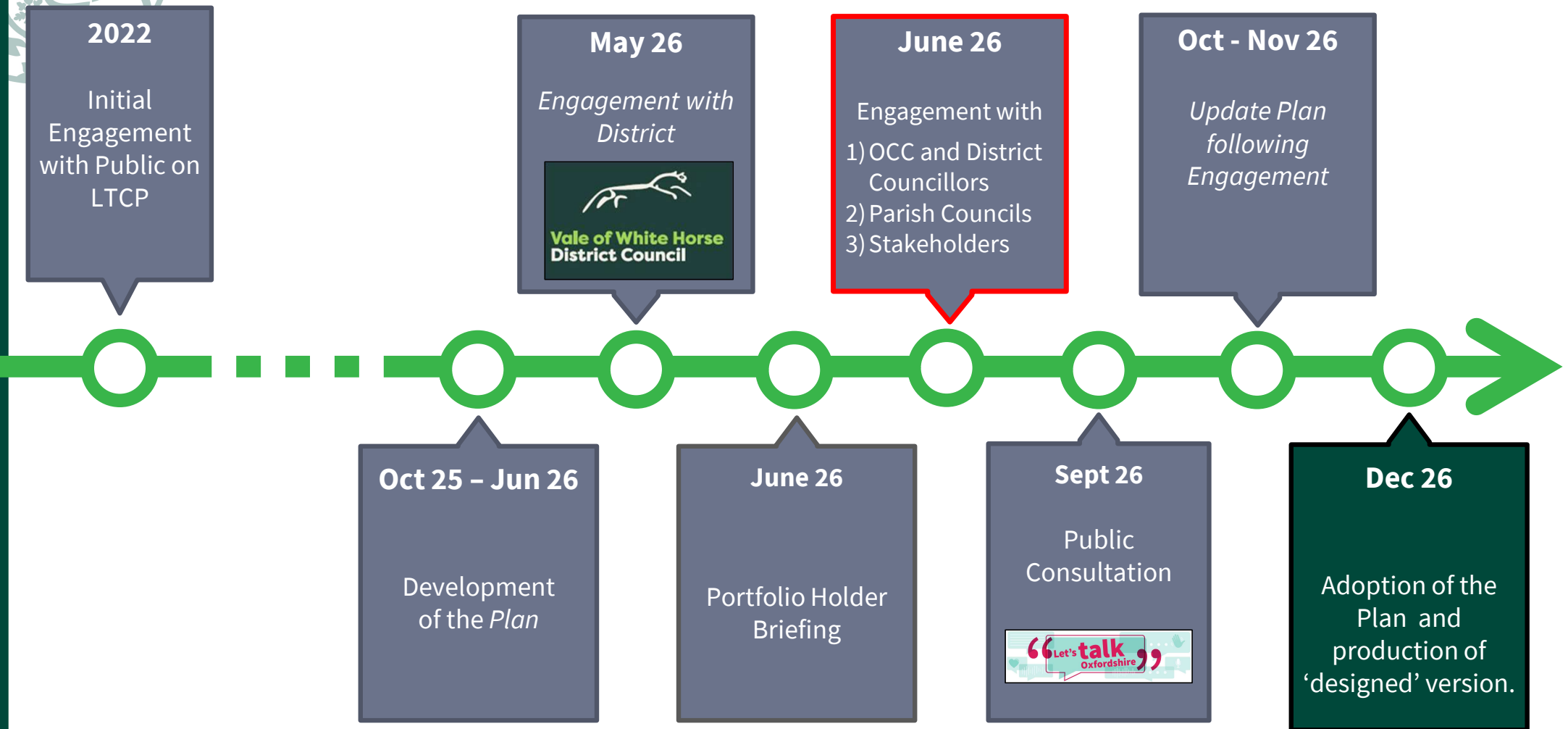
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Where are we in the process?





What are we asking for?

- General comments on the document
- Key Questions that could be considered:
 - Do you agree with the vision, is there anything we are missing in this?
 - Are there any challenges / opportuneness we are missing>
 - What actions are missing from the MAP Plan?
- Feedback provided via email to: areamovementandplacestrategies@oxfordshire.gov.uk
- Deadline for comments is **21st July 2026**



Any Questions?