



**Duty to Cooperate Scoping Statement - Initial Consultation
Draft**

Oxford Local Plan 2042

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1. Introduction

Purpose of this Document

This document seeks to identify the matters and topics relevant to the Oxford Local Plan 2042 that are identified as strategic matters that cross administrative boundaries, and which therefore fall under the Duty to Cooperate. It also identifies those bodies with which cooperation is necessary because Oxford City Council has a duty to engage them and outlines key meetings where relevant matters and topics are raised.

Consultation Questions

The City Council has sought to identify which Duty to Cooperate bodies will seek to be involved in discussions on which strategic issues related to the Oxford Local Plan 2042. This document is initially intended to confirm that the correct strategic matters and bodies relevant to these have been identified. It is requested that other bodies should raise additional issues now that will assist. It will then be kept up to date as the project continues and as Duty to Cooperate (and other) discussions progress and the evidence base is prepared. The document itself will form part of the evidence base for the Local Plan 2042.

This information is summarised in Table 4 below. This information is being consulted on and as a Duty to Cooperate body please provide the following information in response:

- whether we have identified the right issues for your organisation
- whether additional strategic issues should be added to the list
- whether we have identified the best methods of engagement for your organisation

As part of Oxford City Council's engagement of the Duty to Cooperate bodies it is requested that you confirm the above or suggest improvements in response to this consultation in order that we can comply with the Duty to Cooperate with regards the Oxford Local Plan 2042. Alternatively, if you do not consider Duty to Cooperate between your organisation and Oxford City Council on the Oxford Local Plan 2042 is relevant, we would be grateful if you could confirm that. Thank you for your help.

Keeping the Document Updated

In addition to formal consultation periods, the document will be updated as Oxford City Council engage the Duty to Cooperate bodies and discuss cross-boundary strategic matters. New strategic matters identified as discussions progress may be added and there may be matters identified here that are later considered to no longer constitute 'cross boundary strategic issues'.

2. Requirements of the Duty to Cooperate

Duty to Cooperate Bodies

The Duty to Cooperate is a requirement of the Localism Act 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

It requires Local Planning Authorities and other prescribed bodies to engage, with a view to maximising the effectiveness of the preparation of development plan documents and other activities so far as they relate to strategic matters.

This is normally most important in considering strategic issues such as the location of development and availability of strategic infrastructure, however, other matters and topics may also be identified that are relevant.

It requires on-going, constructive and active engagement on the preparation of development plan documents and other activities. It is a 'duty to cooperate' not a 'duty to agree', but there must be genuine, positive and continuous dialogue with the intention of reaching agreement.

The legal basis for the Duty is set out in Section 110 of the Localism Act, which inserts Section 33A into the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. It applies to all local planning authorities, National Park authorities and county councils in England, and to a number of other public bodies. The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 specify which bodies this duty applies to.

Local planning authorities are bound by a statutory duty to cooperate. Plan making bodies are expected to cooperate with each other when preparing or supporting the preparation of policies which address strategic matters including those policies of Local Plans.

The NPPF states that the relevant planning authorities should produce, maintain and update one or more statements(s) of common ground throughout their plan-making process. Oxford City Council have identified that a number of statements of common ground are likely to be produced on particular issues and with particular bodies who are most relevant to the duty to cooperate.

The bodies that will attempt to produce a joint or individual Statement of Common Ground with will include:

- Oxfordshire County Council
- Cherwell District Council
- West Oxfordshire District Council
- South Oxfordshire District Council
- Vale of White Horse District Council

In addition to the adjoining authorities, the bodies prescribed for the purposes of section 33A(1)(c) of the Act, as set out in The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) and identified by the City Council as relevant to Oxford are:

- The Environment Agency;
- Historic England;
- Natural England;
- Homes England;
- Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board;
- The National Health Service Commissioning Board (NHS England);
- The Office of Rail and Road;
- The Highways Authority (Oxfordshire County Council);
- Civil Aviation Authority;
- National Highways.

Plan making authorities that are potentially linked but not adjacent to Oxford will also be contacted, including potentially the local planning authorities for Swindon, Aylesbury, West Berkshire and Reading.

National Planning Practice Guidance states that Local Enterprise Partnerships and Local Nature Partnerships are not subject to the requirements of the duty, however, local planning authorities and county councils in England, and prescribed public bodies, must cooperate

with them. Local planning authorities must have regard to their activities when they are preparing their local plans, so long as those activities are relevant to plan-making.¹

Oxford City Council have identified the following:

- Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (now owned by Oxfordshire County Council);
- Oxfordshire Local Nature Partnership.

Other Duty to Cooperate bodies specified in the Regulations 2012 but do not currently apply in the context of Oxford are: the Mayor of London, Transport for London, Integrated Transport Authorities, and the Marine Management Organisation.

The Localism Act 2011, Section 110 (2) states that each body should “*engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis...*” on strategic matters. The relevant activities include preparation of a development plan document (S110, 3) and strategic matters are defined in Section 110 (4).

In addition to the legal requirements set out above, the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF, December 2024) emphasises the importance of joint working and cooperation between local authorities and other agencies on cross boundary issues and issues of shared interest. The NPPF December 2024 sets out that:

- Local planning authorities are “*under a duty to cooperate with each other, and with other prescribed bodies, on strategic matters that cross administrative boundaries.*” (paragraph 24).
- Strategic policy-making authorities should “*collaborate to identify the relevant strategic matters which they need to address in their plans.*” (paragraph 25).
- “*Effective and on-going joint working between strategic policy-making authorities and relevant bodies is integral to the production of a positively prepared and justified strategy. In particular, joint working should help to determine where additional infrastructure is necessary, and whether development needs that cannot be met wholly within a particular plan area could be met elsewhere.*” (paragraph 26).
- A consistent approach should be taken to planning delivery of major infrastructure including strategic health, education and other social infrastructure and plan policies should align as fully as possible with those of other bodies where a strategic relationship exists on these matters and take into account the relevant investment plans of infrastructure providers (paragraph 27).
- “*In order to demonstrate effective and on-going joint working, strategic policymaking authorities should prepare and maintain one or more statements of common ground, documenting the cross-boundary matters being addressed and progress in cooperating to address these.*” (paragraph 28).

There is further practical guidance in the Planning Practice Guidance.

3. Strategic issues

Strategic matters applicable to the Oxford Local Plan 2042 have been identified as follows. Where appropriate, some of these issues will be subject to specific statements of common ground to cover more detail and where there are areas of disagreement and agreement that need to be explained.

¹ Paragraph: 030 Reference ID: 61-030-20190315

Oxford City Council has identified the relevant strategic matters that cross administrative boundaries as follows:

- Housing need and supply
- Economy
- Infrastructure needs
- Environment issues

Housing Need and Supply

Homes Needed in the Area and Supply

Housing needs and supply is one of the top issues that the Local Plan must address, and where the duty to cooperate is essential. The NPPF states that authorities must work to address their housing needs. It also expects authorities to cooperate on meeting one another's housing needs if it cannot be accommodated within the authority where it arises. Local plans must also achieve sustainable development by pursuing the three main economic, social and environmental objectives in mutually supportive ways (opportunities must be taken to secure net gains across each of the objectives).

The standard method calculation of housing need in Oxford finds the housing need to be 1,087 dwellings per annum, which is 21,740 over the plan period. This is significantly higher than any year of housing delivery since AMR recording began (2006). Since the base date of the Oxford Local Plan 2036, the greatest number of homes delivered annually was 790 in 2019 and the fewest was 365 in 2023/34 and 357 in 2017/18. The average over the first 8 years of the OLP2036 is 518pa.

The currently adopted Oxford Local Plan 2036 took a "no-stone-unturned" approach to finding sites for housing and ensuring efficient use of land. Whilst every effort will continue to be made to find capacity for housing, balanced against other key considerations of the spatial strategy, it is almost certain that there will be some unmet housing need arising from the Oxford Local Plan 2040.

This is a strategic matter that will cross administrative boundaries that will, therefore, require ongoing constructive discussion on a Duty to Cooperate basis throughout the preparation of the Local Plan.

Specialist Accommodation Needs

The matter of need for specialist accommodation types is also of strategic interest in some cases, in particular the need for extra care housing and other similar housing types is a matter of discussion with the County Council.

The nature of provision for gypsies and travellers means that it is often a cross-boundary matter. Oxford currently has no Gypsy & Traveller sites; however there are several sites close to Oxford's boundary. In recent years, the Oxfordshire authorities have cooperated on planning for gypsies and travellers, and this cooperation has continued through the jointly-commissioned county-wide needs assessment that will form part of the evidence base for all the Oxfordshire planning authorities.

Economy

Economic Need and Supply

Another issue for the Local Plan will be managing economic growth, ensuring that the city can continue to play its role in the local and national economy. Oxford is also a city of considerable international importance in a range of economic sectors and as such there are considerable added value benefits for the overall national economy, which go far beyond the benefits of other cities of a similar size in the United Kingdom. The regional Oxfordshire economy also benefits from having Oxford at its centre, with its associated effects resulting in one of the strongest economies in the UK as a net contributor to the exchequer.

The Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (OxLEP) developed the Oxfordshire Local Industrial Strategy (LIS) in partnership with the business community, academic institutions and the other Oxfordshire local authorities. Close working with the other Oxfordshire local authorities and the LEP will be required in this area. However, Oxford's reach as a location to work goes beyond the Oxfordshire authorities, and cooperation with a wide range of other local authorities and other bodies occurs through meetings relating to the Oxford-Cambridge Partnership. Oxford is within the Oxford-Cambridge growth corridor, and an Oxford Growth Commission is to be set up. The Local Plan must respond to Oxford's position at the heart of an area of economic growth, and this therefore becomes a Duty to Cooperate issue.

Provision of Retail, Leisure and Other Commercial Development

Oxford city centre plays an important sub-regional role and co-operation with neighbouring authorities is essential as current and future populations will not shop or access leisure facilities exclusively in their own areas, but will travel to others.

Infrastructure Needs

Provision of Security, Community and Cultural Infrastructure and Other Local Facilities

Neighbouring authorities, Oxfordshire County Council and Homes England are important to involve in the development of the Local Plan in this field.

Provision of Infrastructure for Transport

Planning for strategic transport infrastructure requires cross boundary cooperation and is a strategic matter.

Oxfordshire County Council is the highways authority, which is responsible for producing the Local Transport Plan. Neighbouring authorities also have an important role to play in these matters. National Highways is responsible for the strategic road network, including the A34. Oxford has an important location on the rail network and there are significant improvement works taking place and planned in the area, including Cowley Branch Line proposals, and so the Office of Rail and Road, Oxfordshire County Council and South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse are engaged with in this regard.

Provision of Utilities Infrastructure (including telecommunications, waste, water and energy)

A range of Duty to Cooperate bodies including the County Council, neighbouring authorities and the Environment Agency are involved in framing the policies and proposals of the Local Plan in this regard. In addition, other bodies (outside of the duty to cooperate) including Thames Water and energy and telecoms providers are involved. Updates to the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) will reflect the discussions that have taken place and the conclusions drawn in relation to utilities infrastructure needs and delivery.

Provision of Health Infrastructure and Local Facilities

Oxford is a regionally (and nationally) important location for health and medical research. Its hospitals serve a very wide catchment area. At the local level Oxfordshire County Council has responsibility for public health and will be consulted whilst framing the policies of the Local Plan. Discussions will be held with The Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West ICB and well as with the NHS hospital trusts.

Environment Issues

Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Including Flood Risk

Managing flood risk will be a key element of Oxford's climate change mitigation plans. Large parts of the city of Oxford are at risk of flooding so careful attention will need to be paid to this when drafting the policies and proposals of the Local Plan. The Environment Agency is a key Duty to Cooperate body in this regard and will be consulted throughout. Oxfordshire County Council (as lead drainage authority) and Thames Water (although not a Duty to Cooperate body) also have important roles regarding this issue. There are plans for a major flood alleviation scheme in the Oxford area (Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme), and cooperation with the Environment Agency and County Council is required on this matter. Waterbodies in Oxford have catchments and floodplains in the neighbouring authorities, so they are also relevant authorities to talk to.

Conservation and Enhancement of the Natural and Historic Environment, Including Landscape

Oxford has a wealth of historic buildings and valuable landscapes that need careful consideration in the Local Plan. Historic England has a key role to play in terms of the built heritage and also the views into and through the city and the famous spires; they will be consulted on policy drafting and background evidence. Oxford has a Special Area of Conservation at Oxford Meadows, this a European level protection and as such Natural England will be key to inputting into and assessing policies and proposals that may have an impact on that site. The Local Nature Partnership also have a role to play in the wider natural environment topic. The hydrological catchment for some SSSIs could extend outside the boundaries.

4. Mechanisms for cooperation

Regular Partnership Meetings

The City Council is actively involved in a number of cross boundary and joint partnership relationships which will inform the preparation of the Local Plan. Many of these are formalised, regular meetings or forums where a variety of topics are discussed, some of these may be tailored for the purposes of producing local plans.

These existing partnerships are an invaluable mechanism for facilitating Duty to Cooperate discussions. They enable regular direct contact with a range of Duty to Cooperate bodies and other bodies relevant to strategic priorities. It is likely that several of these partnerships will actively follow progress of the Local Plan, making it a standing agenda item at meetings and dedicating agenda time to discussing emerging work.

Table 1 sets out details of regular partnership meetings (including their frequency and role) that have a direct relevance to the Local Plan project. In future versions of this document, this table will be updated to include details of specific conversations related to the project.

Table 1: Regular Partnership Meetings (correct - March 2025)			
Group / Meeting	Regularity	Includes	Role
Oxfordshire Leaders Joint Committee (established in March 2025 – previously took the form of the Future Oxfordshire Partnership)	Every two months	The six Oxfordshire Councils are the voting members	The Future Oxfordshire Partnership is a joint committee of the six councils of Oxfordshire together with key strategic partners working together to deliver the aims of the Strategic Vision for Sustainable Development in Oxfordshire. Its specific functions noted in the Terms of Reference include strategic planning, including the oversight of joint work on cross border issues to ensure partners meet the requirements of the Duty to Cooperate, and to assess whether strategic planning, infrastructure and public services are integrated and delivered in a sustainable way.
Oxford Growth Commission	TBC	TBC	TBC
England's Economic Heartland	Strategic Transport Leadership Board leads approximately quarterly.	Jointly funded by the Department of Transport and the local authorities (transport authorities, so Oxfordshire County Council rather than the LPAs, who represents Oxfordshire's interests). The Strategic Transport Leadership Board contains the elected leaders and portfolio holders of the local authorities.	The subnational transport body for the area from Swindon to Cambridge
Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (OxLEP)	Executive Board meets quarterly	The Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership is a long established voluntary body made up of representatives from	The Partnership is business led with senior academic figures and local authority members. It provides leadership and champions

		business, academia and the wider public sector. A new governance structure comes in from April 2025.	growth and innovation, helping to break down barriers and providing support mechanisms. Prepared the Local Industrial Strategy.
Oxford Strategic Partnership (OSP)	Every quarter	City and County Councils, universities, Police, health bodies, local business and community organisations.	The Local Strategic Partnership helps to provide direction for the city's future, and respond to local priorities. Includes a sub group called the Economic Growth Steering Board. Produced the Oxford Economic Growth Strategy
Health and Wellbeing Board	Quarterly	Includes District and County Councillors, Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, Healthwatch Oxfordshire, senior council officers and a primary care provider	The Board seeks to provide strategic leadership for health and wellbeing across Oxfordshire, ensure that plans are in place and that action is taken to realise those plans. The Board produces the Oxfordshire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
Oxfordshire Leaders Group	Monthly	The Leaders of all the Oxfordshire Local Authorities	Key elements of the group's work include consideration of impacts of changes in government policy and guidance; agreement of county wide programmes; monitoring the impact on resources and services due to changes; implementing savings.
Oxfordshire Chief Executive's Group	Weekly, with a face to face extended workshop style meeting each month	The Chief Executives of all the Oxfordshire Local Authorities	Advises and supports the Oxfordshire Leaders Group on the above issues
City and County Transport Bilateral Meetings	Approximately every two months	Senior officers of both the City Council and County Council together with cabinet members of both authorities.	Used to discuss important transport issues for example relating to emerging policies and programmes of work.
Oxford Green and Blue Spaces Network	Quarterly	City and County officers, Local Nature Partnership), BBOWT (Wildlife Trust) and additional amenity groups	The Green & Blue Spaces Network focuses on enabling partners to work collaboratively to improve Oxford's green spaces and blue corridors. The partnership has agreed three priority areas that support the delivery of the city's Green Space Strategy and also meet the objectives of individual partners: to ensure everyone living, working and visiting Oxford has easy access to open space; to increase and support volunteers; and to develop a meaningful PR campaign. These three

			objectives are underpinned by the two determinants of Funding and Biodiversity.
Oxfordshire Heads of Planning Meeting	Quarterly	Heads of Planning of all Oxfordshire authorities	Regular forum for authorities to provide update on policy and development management issues
Oxfordshire Planning Policy Officers Meetings (OPPO)	Every month	Planning Policy Officers of all Oxfordshire authorities	Regular forum for authorities to provide update on plan progress and to discuss issues arising
Oxford City and Oxfordshire County Planning Liaison Meeting	Monthly	Planning, transport and infrastructure funding officers of the two local authorities	Regular forum to run through and provide updates on policy projects, evidence base studies and strategic development proposals
City and County Bi-lateral Planning, Transport and Placemaking Meetings	Meeting with Members Quarterly; Officer working group monthly	Senior officers of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure with associated Cabinet Members of both authorities; supported by officer working groups	Regular forum to provide updates on projects, studies and programmes and discuss strategic approaches

Joint working on strategies and infrastructure planning

Many of the partnerships detailed above have produced and adopted/published joint strategies as part of their work, consistent with the requirements of the Duty of Cooperate. Many of these strategies have direct relevance to the Local Plan.

Table 2 details many of the jointly produced strategies and jointly commissioned studies that relate to the Local Plan. Strategies and documents that were produced by or commissioned by at least one prescribed body for the Duty to Cooperate are shaded grey in the first column. In future versions of this document, this table will be updated to include new strategies and evidence base documents related to the project.

Table 2: Joint working on strategies, studies and infrastructure planning		
Project/ document	Produced by/ involved	Role/purpose
Oxfordshire Strategic Economic Plan and Associated Action Plan (December 2023)	Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership and strategic partners	Oxfordshire's Strategic Economic Plan (SEP), which looks ahead to 2033, is the county's fourth major statement of economic strategy over the last decade and has been led by OxLEP working with key strategic partners. It was initiated by OxLEP working closely with the five district and city councils in Oxfordshire, with Oxfordshire County Council and with Oxfordshire's two universities (Oxford Brookes University and University of Oxford), all of which are members of the Future Oxfordshire Partnership (FOP). It sought to take a step back, to consider the progress Oxfordshire has made and the opportunities that lie ahead, and to chart an appropriate route forward, given the changing mix of opportunities and imperatives.
Oxfordshire Local Industrial Strategy (July 2019)	Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (as table 1 above)	This LIS sets out an ambition for Oxfordshire to leverage its existing strengths to become one of the top three innovation ecosystems globally by 2040. It sets out how Oxfordshire's strengths and assets are to be built on, to deliver transformative growth, which is clean and sustainable and delivers prosperity for all communities across the

		county. The LIS is intended to deliver the aims of the National Industrial Strategy, which is the government's long term plan to boost productivity. The LIS notes ' <i>Oxfordshire has been at the centre of innovation in the UK for centuries. National and local investments have built up a network of science parks and innovative firms across the county, and now wider investments in the region offer the opportunity to cement the area's reputation as one of the best locations in the world to innovate.</i> '
Oxfordshire Local Industrial Strategy- Oxfordshire Investment Plan (August 2020)	Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (as Table 1 above)	Prepared by the LEP, it translates the ideas and aspiration of the Local Industrial Strategy into a programme of delivery. This programme initially covers the 10 years until 2030.
Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal (2018)	All Oxfordshire councils and Oxfordshire LEP with Ministry of Housing, communities and Local Government	The Oxfordshire authorities signed a Housing and Growth Deal with the Government which comprised £215 million of new funding to be granted to support the ambition to plan for and deliver 100,000 homes in Oxfordshire by 2031. This was linked to a number of other commitments from Government and the Oxfordshire councils, on affordable housing and infrastructure delivery and the adoption of an Oxfordshire-wide statutory joint plan (the Oxfordshire Plan 2050).
Oxford Economic Growth Strategy (January 2013)	Produced by the Oxford Strategic Partnership	This strategy seeks to establish a shared narrative on the future direction of the Oxford economy; and define clear strategic priorities, objectives and actions for delivering and managing economic growth in Oxford over the next ten years.
Oxfordshire Strategic Vision (March 2021)	Produced by the Future Oxfordshire Partnership	The Future Oxfordshire Partnership has developed a Strategic Vision for Oxfordshire that sets out our ambition for the county and puts us on the right path for long-term change so that we can secure the best possible future for Oxfordshire's residents. The Vision will be used to help create an agreed set of long-term, strategic economic, infrastructure and environmental priorities designed to deliver the outcomes that local people want. This will help us create the kind of places that people want and ensure we are investing in the right way
Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy (OxIS) (March 2022)	Produced by Future Oxfordshire Partnership on behalf of Oxfordshire Local Authorities	The Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy (OxIS) is an Future Oxfordshire Partnership commissioned project involving all six Oxfordshire Local Authorities. Its purpose is to identify, map and prioritise Oxfordshire's infrastructure requirements to 2040 and beyond.
GTAA		
Emerging Joint or Partnership Work		
Project	Produced by/ involved	Role/purpose
Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy (OxIS)	Produced by Future Oxfordshire Partnership on behalf of Oxfordshire	This is a new commission to produce an OxIS which in time will replace the March 2022 document.

	Local Authorities	
Oxfordshire Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP)	Produced by Future Oxfordshire Partnership on behalf of Oxfordshire Local Authorities	Phase one of this work to produce an Oxfordshire-wide LAEP is now underway. In time later phases of work will be developed to add more local detail.
Oxfordshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)	Oxfordshire County Council	A draft LNRS was been consulted on in 2024 and work continues.

Communication at Formal Stages of Local Plan Production

The Duty to Cooperate bodies, as well as other relevant organisations and the wider public, will be invited to submit comments to inform the Local Plan preparation. The format and methods used will be detailed in a future Consultation Statement which will also summarise the responses that have been received.

Table 3 summarises the intended specific communications about the Local Plan with external stakeholders at each formal stage of the Local Plan's production.

In future versions of this document, this table will be updated to include details of communication with Duty to Cooperate bodies at formal stages of the Local Plan.

Table 3: Local Plan Communications with External Stakeholders at Formal Stages			
AAP stage	Date	Communication	Partner organisation contacted / invited
Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report consultation	17.1.25-28.2.25	Notification of consultation	Environment Agency English Heritage Natural England
Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report and options appraisals	June 25	Notification of consultation	Duty to Cooperate bodies Specific consultation bodies General consultation bodies Additional organisations/bodies
Pre-regulation 18 engagement to set context for the plan	March 25	Notification of consultation	Duty to Cooperate bodies Specific consultation bodies General consultation bodies Additional organisations/bodies
Regulation 18 consultation	Planned for: June-July 25	Notification of consultation	Duty to Cooperate bodies Specific consultation bodies General consultation bodies Additional organisations/bodies
Regulation 19-proposed Submission consultation	Planned for: Nov-Dec 25	Notification of consultation	Duty to Cooperate bodies Specific consultation bodies General consultation bodies Additional organisations/bodies

Local Plan Meetings with External Stakeholders

In addition to the periods of more formal consultation (Table 3), there will also be a significant degree of contact between the City Council and a number of the Duty to Cooperate bodies on a more regular basis in order to inform the drafting of the Local Plan's policies and proposals. This will principally take the form of dedicated meetings, telephone conversations and email exchanges. These will be clearly documented with agendas, minutes/notes and actions, which will allow Oxford City Council to respond as appropriate.

5. Conclusion

This scoping statement seeks to identify the relevant stakeholders, topics, matters and establish a process for the Duty to Cooperate for Oxford City Council's Local Plan 2042. You are requested to respond to the consultation questions and provide any other comments relevant to the Duty to Cooperate by the consultation deadline.

Table 4: Summary of strategic issues and relevant Duty to Cooperate bodies

	H o H e e s	S p e c i	E c c o n o	R e f a i	I n f r a	U t i l i	H e a l t	S e c u r	C l i m a	N a t u r
Oxfordshire County Council	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cherwell District Council	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
West Oxfordshire District Council	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
South Oxfordshire District Council	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vale of White Horse District Council	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Environment Agency						✓			✓	
Historic England										✓
Natural England									✓	✓
Homes England	✓	✓								
NHS Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group							✓			
NHS England							✓			
Office of Rail and Road					✓					
Highways England					✓					
Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership	✓		✓	✓	✓					