

Note on the Oxfordshire Growth Deal

The Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal was presented to each of Oxfordshire's six Local Authorities in 2018 for agreement through full council. This included the outline agreement, but also a more detailed Delivery Plan. Copies of the reports presented to Full Council are available [here](#) for Vale of White Horse District Council (14 February 2018) and [here](#) for South Oxfordshire District Council (15 February 2018). Published minutes from each of these meetings recorded this decision.

Once this was agreed by all six local authorities, a letter was sent to the Secretary of State on 28 February 2018 confirming this position. A copy of that letter signed by each of the six local authority leaders is attached. The Secretary of State's response includes the words "I am therefore pleased to approve the delivery plan", which is also attached. These processes and documents constitute the formal agreement to the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal.

The Housing Minister Dominic Rabb visited Oxfordshire on 22 March 2018 to sign the agreement with the Council Leaders, with a video and news item available [here](#) and attached.



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28th February 2018

Dear Secretary of State

OXFORDSHIRE HOUSING AND GROWTH DEAL

We are pleased to confirm that the 6 Oxfordshire Councils and OxLEP have now formally approved the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal and the Delivery Plan which we are submitting with this letter.

The Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal is an important contribution to our ambition to address our housing, infrastructure and economic challenges, to deliver growth and increased productivity in high quality, sustainable developments across the County.

We hope that you will both welcome this agreement from the Oxfordshire Partners and recognise that achieving our ambitions for Oxfordshire will take sustained partnership between ourselves and Government. In this context we hope that you will also welcome our agreement to the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal as a first stage in an on-going partnership with Government.

We would like to thank your officials who have worked with us in developing the Deal and the Delivery Plan.

We look forward to confirmation from you of the Deal and to working with Government to secure its delivery.



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Leader of Vale of White Horse
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Dear Leaders,

15 March 2018

A housing and growth deal for Oxfordshire

Thank you for your letter of 28 February 2018, to the Secretary of State concerning Oxfordshire's Housing and Growth Deal, I am replying as the Minister for Housing. I am pleased to note that the deal has been approved by all six Oxfordshire councils and the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership.

I welcome your plans to deliver 100,000 homes by 2031 – well in excess of the published figures in our draft NPPF published last week - and your commitment to adopting a joint statutory spatial plan by 2021. I have been impressed with the collaborative approach you have taken to develop the deal. It will be of benefit to local people across Oxfordshire, whilst setting an ambition for housing delivery which other areas should seek to replicate.

It will be essential to ensure that the homes committed through the deal get delivered. You have committed to bring forward for adoption a joint statutory spatial plan by 2021 to deliver 100,000 homes by 2031 and to deliver 14,000 homes directly from the infrastructure funding provided by the deal and a further 1322 affordable homes from the affordable homes grant. I am therefore pleased to approve the delivery plan. My officials and Homes England will continue to work with you to track implementation of the deal and funding will be contingent on the milestones in the delivery plan being met. I hope to be able to visit Oxfordshire in the coming weeks, to publically sign off the deal.

I would like to thank you for the significant amount of work done to get to this stage and for the collaborative approach your councils have demonstrated when working with my officials. I look forward to a productive and on-going relationship between Oxfordshire and Government, as we continue to work together to build the homes this country needs.

You sincerely,

DOMINIC RAAB MP

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Housing Minister Dominic Raab has visited Heyford Park near Bicester to sign a deal to deliver a £215m investment in transport infrastructure and affordable housing in Oxfordshire. The Minister met Councillor Yvonne Constance, the county council's Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy (pictured above).

The deal was signed by all six members of the Oxfordshire Growth Board: Oxfordshire County Council, Oxford City Council, Cherwell District Council, West Oxfordshire District Council, Vale of White Horse District Council and South Oxfordshire District Council.

This week has also seen the Oxfordshire Growth Board [announce the first year of projects to be funded](#) by an initial release of £30m for infrastructure projects as part of the Deal agreement.

While yesterday (21 March), the Government announced 44 bids which have made it through to stage 2 of its Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) to fund major infrastructure projects.

Two of the three HIF bids submitted by the county council last autumn on behalf of Oxfordshire made it through and will now progress to a co-development stage: Didcot Garden Town and West Oxfordshire Garden Village near Eynsham.

Didcot Garden Town – £171m is sought for transport improvements including a Didcot Science Bridge and A4130 dual carriageway, a new river crossing at Culham and Clifton Hampden Bypass. This would support the delivery of over 22,000 homes in Didcot, Culham, Harwell and Berinsfield. Additionally up to £70m of cycle and other sustainable transport improvements are proposed for inclusion in the bid plan.

West Oxfordshire Garden Village – £135m is sought for further upgrades to the A40, building on existing schemes and based on the approved A40 Long Term Strategy including development of the Rapid Transit network and additional highway capacity on A40 transport corridor. This would support the delivery of over 10,000 homes in Witney & Carterton, and around Eynsham.

Detailed business plans will now be developed for the £300 million of transport infrastructure investment behind these two bids. The Growth Board partners expect to hear this autumn whether or not the two bids going through have ultimately succeeded.

More details on the HIF announcement [here](#).

Government money is for major road improvements and cannot be used for day-to-day maintenance. However the investment will help to improve the overall standard of the road network.

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