

Supplementary Papers

The Future Oxfordshire Partnership

Scrutiny Panel

held in the Virtual meeting viewable by weblink
on Tuesday, 15 March 2022 at 6.30 pm

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Please see the attached question on behalf of Need Not Greed Oxfordshire.

**The Future Oxfordshire
Partnership Scrutiny
Panel Public speakers**

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Question

1. Suzanne McIvor on behalf of Need Not Greed Oxfordshire has asked the following question

In November 2021, over 3 months ago, NNGO in conjunction with Oxford Civic Society and a number of other high profile civic groups, wrote to FOP requesting an independent review of the OGNA. We were told that a decision on this would be made in the new year once the Regulation 18 Part 2 Consultation responses had been analysed. The same letter advised how the formal and final decision on the number of houses to be built would be made in July 2022 but failed to explain the important decision making process up to this point.

It is now mid-March. The consultation responses have been analysed. However, despite repeated requests for: A review of the OGNA; more information on the decision making process; and a detailed timetable, the Future Oxfordshire Partnership has provided no answers to any of these fundamental questions. Further there is no indication as to when we will get any answers.

Further, based on the summary of consultation responses we believe that it is not possible for the Oxfordshire Plan to go to a Regulation 19 consultation at this stage. The Regulation 18 Part 2 consultation included a very wide range of growth options, a diverse range of spatial options, and what was in our opinion a very misleading policy on the Oxford Green Belt. As mentioned in some of the consultation responses it was not possible to comment in an informed way on these fundamental elements of the plan and particularly on spatial options without knowing the level of growth. The range of options and the unknowns has led to a situation where there is a dichotomy of views, largely arising from those with a vested financial interest (eg developers) seeking high growth levels which are not supported by those with no financial interest (eg civic groups). We have therefore decided to call for a further Regulation 18 consultation.

We ask the Scrutiny Panel to support us by asking FOP:

1. For an explanation why the Oxfordshire Plan appears to have stalled
2. For a decision on a peer review of the OGNA
3. How key decisions will be made eg on the number of houses – we want to see these decisions made by Councillors in an open and transparent way
4. For a detailed timetable
5. To support NNGO's call for a further Regulation 18 consultation.