

Public speakers

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OXFORDSHIRE

G R O W T H B O A R D

1. Helen Marshall, CPRE Oxfordshire:

We were promised an Oxfordshire 2050 Plan that would put the needs and wishes of Oxfordshire's people first. To ensure an effective consultation, we need documents that are fit for purpose. Would the Growth Board therefore support the addition of a paper to the OP2050 consultation documents that clearly compares and contrasts the impacts, risks and benefits of the different growth options presented?

2. David Young, on behalf of Need not Greed Oxfordshire:

The Sustainability Appraisal report for the Oxon 2050 Plan consultation states, Para 4.147, that even with the lowest growth option outlined 'negative effects are expected on all environmental factors: water, flooding, soils, biodiversity, landscape and heritage. Car traffic is also likely to increase with associated climate change and air pollution impacts'. However, instead of an open conversation with local residents about the impacts and benefits of the various growth options, the consultation document promises 'good growth' in 'ways that fully align and integrate sustainability objectives'. Need not Greed Oxfordshire seeks to know a) How the Growth Board reconciles these statements? b) How the Growth Board feels that the public should respond to a consultation on growth options that does not clearly set out the impacts of those options?