

## Growth Board Draft response to recommendations of the Growth Board Scrutiny Panel Recommendations made on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020

The Growth Board is requested to provide a draft response to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Panel, to be published as a supplement collectively with the Scrutiny Panel's report, for decision at its meeting on 22 September 2020.

<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Agree ?</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Recommendation 1. That the Growth Board ask HM Government to provide greater clarity in terms of planning flexibilities within the local authorities and implications on the 3 and 5 year land supply with regards to the granted extension of timelines of the Housing and Growth Deal.		
Recommendation 2. That the Growth Board, when it receives a presentation on the Arc Local Natural Capital Plan, asks questions to understand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="286 1034 826 1145">i. What methodology and sources of information will be used in quantifying natural capital?</li> <li data-bbox="286 1182 826 1362">ii. What measurement will be used to assess the current level of natural capital, and to what extent this is being subsumed by development?</li> <li data-bbox="286 1399 826 1471">iii. How will the Natural Capital Planning tool and investment</li> </ul>		

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<p> toolkit be practically implemented?</p> <p>iv. What additional protections will be added to existing planning constraints with regards to AONBs and the Greenbelt?</p> <p>v. What status does the Local Natural Capital Plan have in the refresh of local plans within the districts?</p> <p>vi. Whether there is an ambition to undertake a natural capital assessment across the county?</p> <p>vii. Whether there is an ambition to have carbon sequestration objectives within the Plan?</p> <p>viii. How the existence of flood risk areas will be considered as part of the Plan?</p> <p>ix. How the Plan links with the EEH Draft Transport Strategy?</p>		
<p>Recommendation 3. That the Growth Board in its aspirations of economic growth within the Oxford-Cambridge Arc organise workshops and events to –</p> <p>i. Promote the establishment of manufacturing industries</p>		

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<p>ii. Promote teaching and training of engineering skills at all levels</p>		
<p>Recommendation 4. That the Growth Board again seeks clarity from HM Government concerning the current status of the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway project.</p>		
<p>Recommendation 5. The Scrutiny Panel supports the draft comments made by Growth Board on its consultation on the emerging EEH Draft Transport Strategy especially on policies 12, 23 &amp; 24.</p>		
<p>Recommendation 6. That the Growth Board, in responding to the EEH Draft Transport Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Gives greater importance to Digital Infrastructure considering the revelation of its importance in a post-Covid world.</li><li>ii. Asks EEH to include research into autonomous vehicles in terms of personal, mass and freight transport in its strategy i.e. e-bikes, electric scooters, mid-level and long-range autonomous freight vehicles.</li><li>iii. Indicates the lack of emphasis on Oxfordshire Rail Corridor and its key strategic nature, not just as part of East-West rail, but as part of the national rail infrastructure.</li></ul>		