

Oxfordshire County Council Parish Report

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Interim Report of the Oxford Growth Commission



Neale Coleman CBE Chair of the Oxford Growth Commission to speak at Community First Oxfordshire AGM: Following the publication of the 47 recommendations put forward in December 2025 by the Labour party's appointed Chair of the Oxford Growth Commission, Neale Coleman will be speaking at the above event regarding the creation of the Greater Oxford Development Corporation. In March, The Secretary of State for Housing and Planning, Matthew Pennycook MP announced an increase in investment from the initial £400m to £800m and has acknowledged: *"While the city and its environs are perfectly placed to deliver nationally significant growth to the benefit of existing and new communities and the country as a whole, numerous long-standing constraints risk undermining its full potential. These include inadequate transport connections, a lack of affordable housing, and energy and sewage capacity pressures."* Thursday October 8th. 1pm – 2.30pm. Free tickets available by registering [here](#)

Housing policy: At the last Oxfordshire Full County Council on September 8th the Green Party's Motion was passed unanimously calling on the Secretary of State to match housing requirements to genuine infrastructure availability, as well as reviewing Section 38 agreements to enable more timely adoption of services by utility companies and OCC. Surprisingly the Labour Party voted against the motion, but everyone else in the room thought that infrastructure was important (including some of the Labour councillors when questioned outside the meeting)!

[Green Oxfordshire councillors back housing-infrastructure link | Oxford Mail](#)

School Transport: There has been a reduction in the number of spare seats available on school transport and this has resulted in issues for many parents in the area to try and find alternative transport options. There is a backlog of emails, but the council aims to reply as soon as possible and find resolutions.

Road Safety: A new report on traffic collisions data for Oxfordshire [OCC Road Traffic Collisions Casualty Data Summary 2025](#)

Disabled benefits: County council cabinet members approved reductions in disability living allowances and new charges for council-arranged transport and an independent living service. We oppose these changes and are meeting with Oxfordshire Disabled People Against Cuts to support them.

Oxfordshire Highways Annual Report: The annual report can be found [here](#).

Drain clearing: OCC has gone back on its commitment to cleaning every roadside gully, drain and manhole every year for the duration the current term. **It is therefore more important than ever to report any issues via FixMyStreet.**

Thames Water: A reminder - Thames Water's hosepipe ban is still in place.

Local Questions to Council: As ever, a reminder that questions can be asked of the Cabinet at the next Full Council on November 3rd. Please let me know if you have any questions you would like me to ask of Cabinet at this meeting or at any relevant Cabinet meeting.

CURRENT CONSULTATIONS:

Traffic Filters Trial in Oxford: OCC want your views. Please head [here](#) to comment and find out more about them. They came into effect on Monday 28th September. The consultation runs until March 28th, 2027.

School Streets Trials: OCC want your views on the Oxfordshire School Streets trial which is being trialled in four areas of Oxfordshire, including Didcot. The trial started on the 2nd September. The consultation [here](#) runs until 1st March 2027.