

Subject	Question	• Why are we asking these questions?
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What action will you take to ensure truly affordable housing for local people is meaningfully included and actually delivered? • Do you support the 6 district councils' current intention to continue to plan build 100,000 houses by the mid 2030's, when the latest government projections show we only need approximately 50,000? • Where would you put the 300,000 houses that Oxfordshire is expected to produce as part of the 1 million houses imposed by the "Oxford-Cambridge growth Arc?" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing should be plan-led not developer led (shouldn't facilitate speculative development) • Districts should enforce affordable housing delivery to the levels specified in district plans and not give way to developers who say they are unprofitable. • Districts should review numbers using the latest 2016 Objectively Assessed Need figures not the (higher) out-dated 2014 figures • Truly affordable housing is needed for rent as well as to buy • "Affordable Housing" at 80% of market rate is still unaffordable for many local people. • The proposed level of imposed house building will not improve affordability
Oxford-Cambridge Expressway/ East-West rail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is your position on the building of a new multi-lane highway across green belt/open countryside in Oxfordshire? Why? • How do you think my community will be impacted by a new Expressway? • Where do you think the money will come from to build an Expressway? • Which should be the priority? The Expressway or East-West Rail? • Do you have concerns that East-West rail will merely create dormitory towns for London Commuters? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New highways create traffic demand and increase noise and air quality issues for local communities • Rail should be considered before road • Widespread development, intended to accompany the expressway, will adversely affect the Oxfordshire landscape • Jobs and housing should be closely located, and not requiring transport systems devised to support long distance commuting
Ecology/ environment/ heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will you ensure that your district council makes protecting and enhancing the environment (meaning landscape and ecology not just bins and noise nuisance) a top priority in all their plans? • What are your thoughts about the Oxford Green Belt? Do you favour building housing on it or enhancing it for improved uses by local people? 	<p>Local Plans need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include proper policies on E&E e.g. Green infrastructure plans (instead of the current absence) • Support explicit linkage to the Government 25 year plan for the environment • Give adequate protection to Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and landscape and heritage policies
Local democracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is your view on how groups like the LEP and the Growth Board take account of local peoples' views? • What will you do to ensure local peoples' views are genuinely taken account of in strategic matters like district's local plans? • What do you think about housing and growth targets that are imposed from 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEP is commonly viewed as an undemocratic and unelected Quango which imposes development • Growth Board is commonly viewed as undemocratic, not allowing comprehensive scrutiny of its decision making • Candidates should support comprehensive engagement with local

	central government without meaningful local consultation?	communities and not pay lip service to consultations after the decision is already largely determined
Population of Oxfordshire/ growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you support the aspiration of the National Infrastructure Commission's "Partnering for Prosperity" report to add a further 1 million houses and 335,000 jobs by 2050 in the "Oxford-Cambridge Arc"? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should Oxfordshire be forced to deliver astronomic levels of growth imposed by central government? This equates to a potential of an additional 300,00 houses in Oxfordshire (6 new Oxfords and an increase of 70% in Oxfordshire housing stock) all far beyond what is actually needed
Oxfordshire Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will you ensure the forthcoming Oxfordshire Plan 2050 links with your district's local plan? Where do you think large-scale development (if proved to be needed) should be located and why? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban brownfield sites should be used in preference to greenbelt or greenfield Higher housing densities using modern high-quality eco-construction techniques Co-location of work and housing should be promoted to discourage commuting Need for sustainable travel solutions not reliance on cars Build homes to the highest building standards - Carbon neutral housing, garden village principals for all developments Plans need to be fully linked and inter-dependant with plan project timescales which marry up
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What will you do to support the delivery of sustainable, cost effective public transport and local cycling and walking strategies? What will you do to fight for local peoples' commonly held concerns that local infrastructure (especially roads) are at saturation point? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many rural areas have lost their bus services forcing people into cars (if they can afford them) Local people feel they are not listened to when councillors claim that building 1000's of new homes will have no impact on local infrastructure Promote green transport plans with all new developments
Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are you personally doing to reduce your carbon footprint? What will you do if elected, to address the absence of meaningful proposals from the district to address climate change and air pollution in its strategic plans? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some district strategic plans don't include plans to deliver real action to meet climate change targets and air pollution
Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will you support the provision of rural employment and housing? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a lack of focus on promoting small scale work and affordable housing in rural communities which increases commuting and the desertion of rural communities by younger people.