

- 6.25 In planning for new development, there are several key considerations in relation to transport access and movement that need to be accommodated at both the design and delivery stage. For most new development, this will be looked at as part of the Transport Assessment, and, where relevant, a site Travel Plan. The Travel Plan will need to take into account the needs of all those travelling to/from the new development, including disabled people, and their need for accessible transport. Transport also needs careful consideration as part of the wider master planning and site design development. For example, how parking provision is planned and delivered will need to take account of the urban design principles set out in Chapter 8 of the Plan.
- 6.26 Promotion of sustainable transport access and provision of on-site facilities will also need to take account of wider environmental impacts and issues such as air quality, particularly where Air Quality Management Areas are in place.

Policy TRANS5: Consideration of Development Proposals

- 1. Proposals for all types of development will, where appropriate:**
 - i) provide for a safe and convenient access for all users to the highway network;**
 - ii) provide safe and convenient routes for cyclists and pedestrians, both within the development, and including links to rights of way and other off-site walking and cycling routes where relevant;**
 - iii) provide for covered, secure and safe cycle parking, complemented by other facilities to support cycling where relevant;**
 - iv) be designed to facilitate access to high quality public transport routes, including safe walking routes to nearby bus stops or new bus stops;**
 - v) provide for appropriate public transport infrastructure;**
 - vi) be served by an adequate road network which can accommodate traffic without creating traffic hazards or damage to the environment;**
 - vii) where new roads, pedestrian routes, cycleways and street lighting are to be constructed as part of the development, they should be constructed to adoptable standards and be completed as soon as they are required to serve the development;**
 - viii) make adequate provision for those whose mobility is impaired;**
 - ix) be designed to enable charging of plug-in and other low-emission vehicles in safe, accessible and convenient locations;**
 - x) provide for loading, unloading, circulation and turning space;**

- xi) be designed to enable the servicing of properties by refuse collection vehicles;
- xii) provide for parking for disabled people;
- xiii) provide for the parking of vehicles in accordance with Oxfordshire County Council parking standards, unless specific evidence is provided to justify otherwise; and
- xiv) provide facilities to support the take up of electric and/or low-emission vehicles.

This policy contributes towards achieving objectives 1, 4, 6, 7 & 8.

6.27 Demand for use of rail services is growing strongly, and there are plans to significantly improve rail services operating to and through South Oxfordshire²⁹. In the short-term, there is a focus on enhancing rail services to Didcot, complemented by measures to expand the station and improve access by car, bus, walking and cycling. Any upgrades in this area will need to take account of proposals developed as part of Didcot Garden Town Delivery Plan. In the longer-term there is likely to be a need for upgrades at Culham and other smaller stations such as Cholsey and Goring-on-Thames in association with significant infrastructure investment and to serve new areas of homes and jobs. At a strategic level, this needs to be informed by assessment of capacity and options for improvements across Oxfordshire and the wider area. Examples of upgrades could be expansion or enhancements of car or cycle parking, and are likely to be informed by development of Station Travel Plans. There will be a need to ensure that such improvements are delivered in a way that do not significantly impact on the environment or surrounding residential areas.

Policy TRANS6: Rail

1. **Where required, and not covered within the scope of permitted development, planning permission will be granted for proposals which:**
 - i) **improve rail services in South Oxfordshire;**
 - ii) **improve access to rail services including for disabled people; and/or**
 - iii) **improve facilities at railway stations such as car and cycle parking and upgrades to interchanges provided that there are no significant adverse effects on the environment or amenities of residents.**

This policy contributes towards achieving objectives 1, 4, & 6.

²⁹ www.networkrail.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Western-Route-Study-Final-1.pdf