

## 9 Conclusions & Next Steps

### *Chapter at a Glance*

This Chapter provides an overarching conclusion to the Stage 1 Report and introduces the next steps that will be pursued in the forthcoming OxIS Stage 2 Report.

### 9.1 Conclusions

As outlined throughout this OxIS Stage 1 Report, Oxfordshire has 340 many needs to be addressed by strategic infrastructure, over the period to 2040. Although there are many schemes identified from a variety of sources (e.g. District IDPs & Funding Statements, District Local Plans, Oxfordshire Local Transport Plan 4 (Area & Corridor Strategies), Oxford Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan, Oxfordshire Rail Corridor Study, Thames Water Resource Management Plan, Oxfordshire Investment Plan, OCCG Primary Care Estates Strategy), there are many needs not addressed.

This is particularly relevant for the Environment Need, where many of the IDPs (for example) were developed prior to each Councils' declaration of a Climate Emergency.

Although similar to OxIS-17, there remains a funding gap, as outlined within Section 8 of the OxIS Stage 1 Technical Report, there are a number of avenues to address this, and the gap is not as stark as in 2017. Additionally, the OxIS Needs have been specifically aligned with central Government policy to ensure access to key funding opportunity. This is notwithstanding of the private sectors role in supporting delivery of strategic infrastructure in some sectors (e.g. Energy and Digital).

### 9.2 Next Steps on OxIS Stage 2 to 2050

This Report will be followed by an **OxIS Stage 2 Report**, which is planned to:

- Consider strategic infrastructure required to meet Oxfordshire's needs to 2050
- Form a core part of the evidence base underpinning the Oxfordshire Plan 2050
- Align with Regulation 19 of the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 consultation
- Apply a broadly similar appraisal approach adopted in the Stage 1 Report
- Identify and rank new strategic infrastructure requirements emerging from potential areas for future housing and employment identified in the Oxfordshire Plan 2050
- Reflect outcomes of the Regulation 18, part 2 of the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 consultation.