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Dear Secretary of State

### **OXFORDSHIRE HOUSING AND GROWTH DEAL**

As the leaders of the 6 Oxfordshire authorities and Chairman of OxLEP, we are pleased to confirm our support for a Housing and Growth Deal for Oxfordshire and that we agree the outline agreement document as a basis for further discussions about the detail of the deal.

As the document states, this constitutes a first stage outline agreement. Full agreement of the deal is subject to agreement by each authority and OxLEP following the completion of a delivery plan and confirmation of the details of government's offer. The deal will be for approval by full Council for the District Councils, by the Cabinet of the County Council and by the OxLEP Board.

Oxfordshire's economic potential is of national and global significance and critical to the long term economic success of UK PLC. Oxfordshire is uniquely placed, at the Western end of the Ox-Cam corridor to play major role in delivering Government's ambitions for housing and the industrial strategy.

We have been working together on an ambitious, comprehensive and integrated approach to addressing our housing, infrastructure and economic challenges to deliver growth and increased productivity in high quality sustainable developments across the County. This strong collaboration, under the auspices of the Oxfordshire Growth Board has resulted in our joint ambition to plan for and support significant housing growth by 2031. Alongside housing growth, we recognise that delivering the world class potential of our knowledge economy and ensuring the right conditions for innovation is critical.

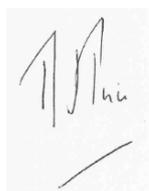
We have produced a comprehensive Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy which identifies the significant investment in infrastructure is needed to deliver these growth commitments and to help us to maximise opportunities for investment in the long term. Alongside this, our Strategic Economic Plan sets out a clear and ambitious framework to drive forward world leading innovation, globally successful businesses and develop a high skilled workforce.

We welcome the outline deal as a positive contribution in support of our ambition. Achieving the ambition for Oxfordshire will take sustained partnership between local partners and government and we welcome this as a first stage in an on-going partnership with government

Letters confirming the support from partners who we continue to work with to achieve Oxfordshire's potential are also enclosed with this submission.



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