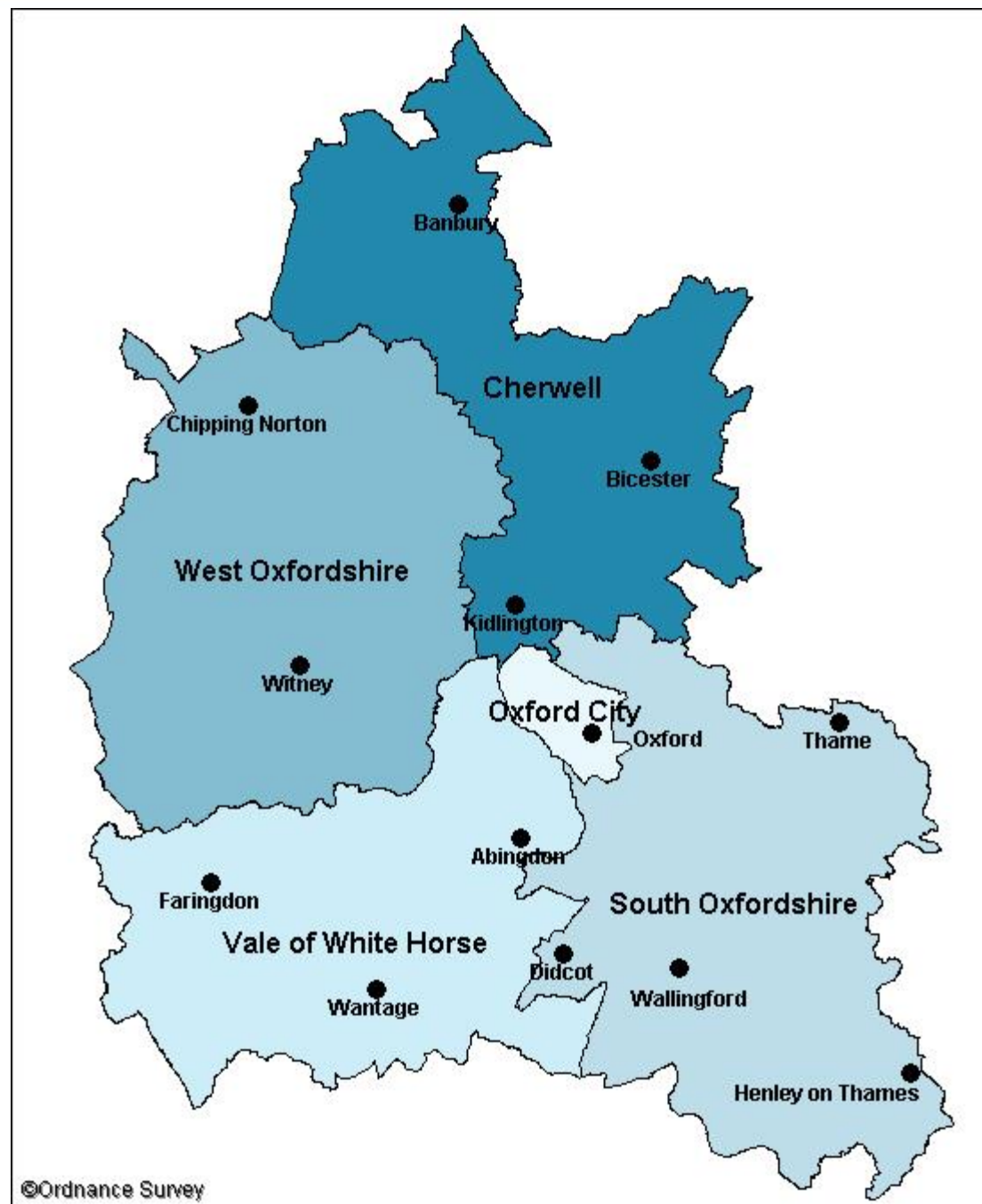
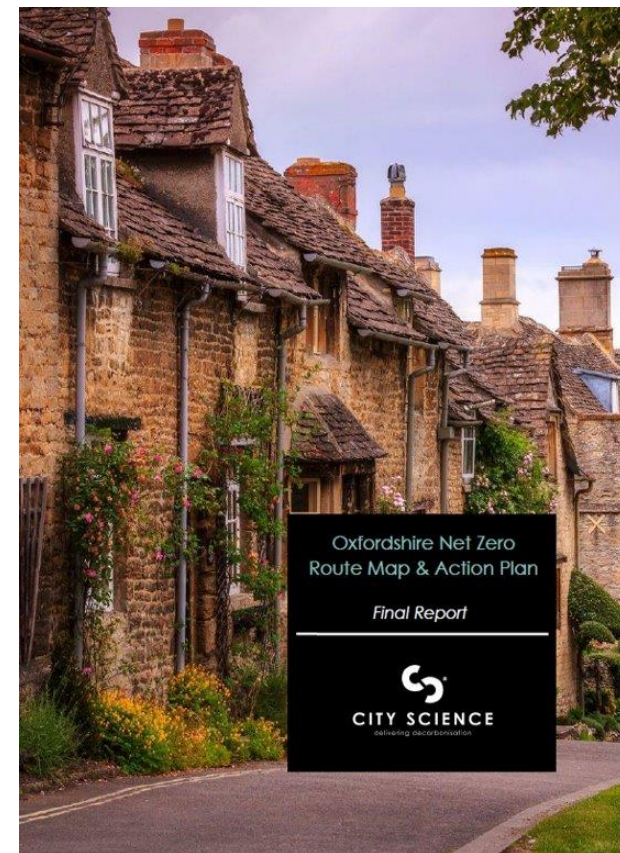
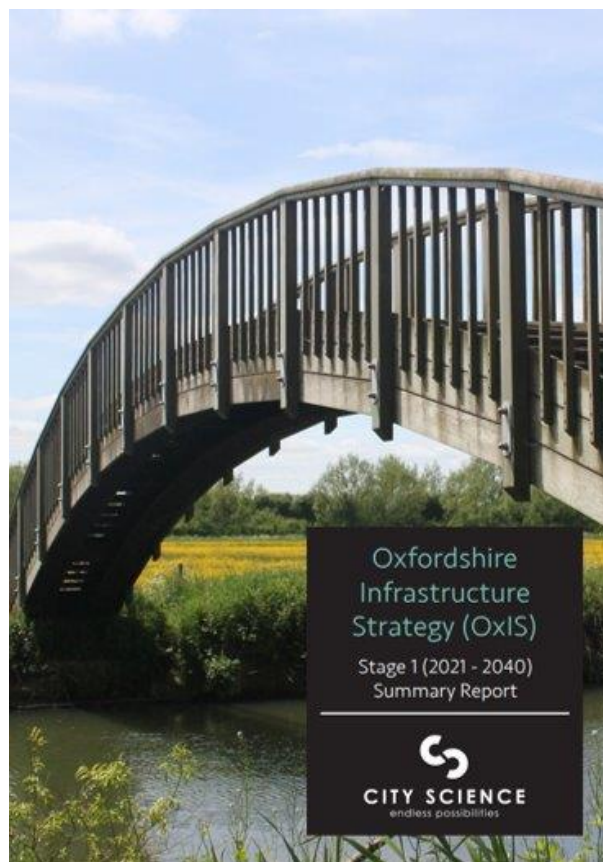






- 2 Tier county structure
- 300,000 dwellings %53 D<
- 750,000 population + 4% by 2034
- Significant areas of protected landscape
- 3 DNOs
- £27bn economy and net contributor to exchequer
- Growth ambitions – knowledge and innovation





Ambition



Intention



Action



# Routemap and Action Plan

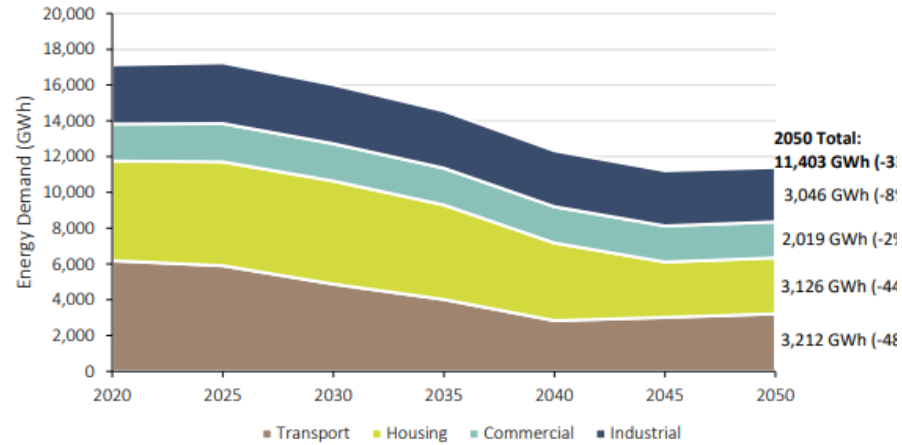


Figure 2-5: Pathway Energy Demands by Sector Projection

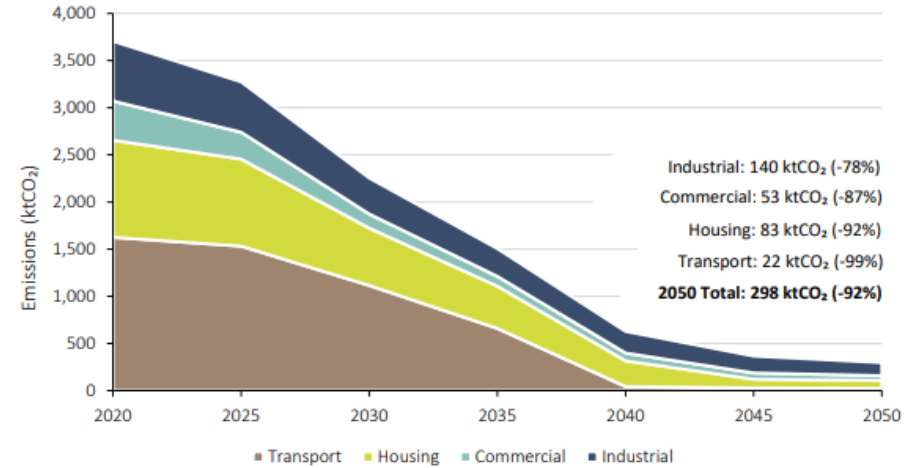
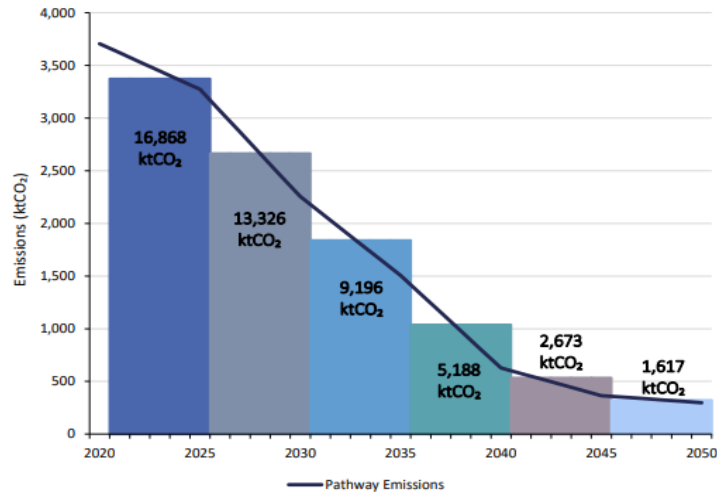
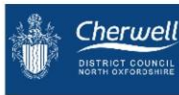


Figure 2-6: Projection of Pathway Carbon Emissions by Sector



# Oxfordshire Net Zero Route Map: Energy Supply Sector

**FUTURE OXFORDSHIRE PARTNERSHIP**



**Context:**

- 2023: Publish details of Future Homes Standard
- 2023: Completion of Project LEO
- 2023: Allow for hydrogen blending (20% gas grid)
- 2024: South / VoWH Joint Local Plan adoption
- TBC Cherwell Local Plan adoption
- 2025: Gas boilers banned in new dwellings
- 2025: District Heat Zoning introduced
- 2028: 600,000 Heat Pump Sales pa

Publish Oxfordshire Net Zero Route Map & Action Plan

Establish Leads and Sprint Groups

**17% Carbon Reduction By 2025**

**Gas Grid Mix:**  
Natural Gas: 99%  
Biomethane: 1%

**Solar PV Targets:**  
Oxfordshire generates 3.6% of the UK's solar energy.  
50% of Oxfordshire's solar energy consumption is self-supplied.



2030: Vale of White Horse 75% reduction

2030: 59% reduction in Greenhouse Gas Emissions

2030: Cherwell target date for Net Zero

2030: South Oxfordshire target date for Net Zero

2028: Commence fifth carbon budget period

**47% Carbon Reduction By 2030**

**Gas Grid Mix:**  
Natural Gas: 78%  
Biomethane: 2%  
Hydrogen: 20%



**Gas Grid Mix:**  
Natural Gas: 78%  
Biomethane: 2%  
Hydrogen: 20%

**Solar PV Targets:**  
Oxfordshire generates 4.1% of the UK's solar energy.  
50% of Oxfordshire's solar energy consumption is self-supplied.

2033: Commence sixth carbon budget period

2035: Ban on sale of new gas boilers

2035: Target for 78% reduction in emissions

2040: Oxford City target date for Net Zero

2045 Vale of White Horse target date for Net Zero

2050 West Oxfordshire target date for Net Zero

**69% Reduction By 2040**

**Solar PV Targets:**  
Oxfordshire generates 5% of the UK's solar energy.  
50% of Oxfordshire's solar energy consumption is self-supplied.



**84% Carbon Reduction By 2050**

**Gas Grid Mix:**  
Natural Gas: 78%  
Biomethane: 2%  
Hydrogen: 20%

**Solar PV Targets:**  
Oxfordshire generates 6% of the UK's solar energy.  
50% of Oxfordshire's solar energy consumption is self-supplied.



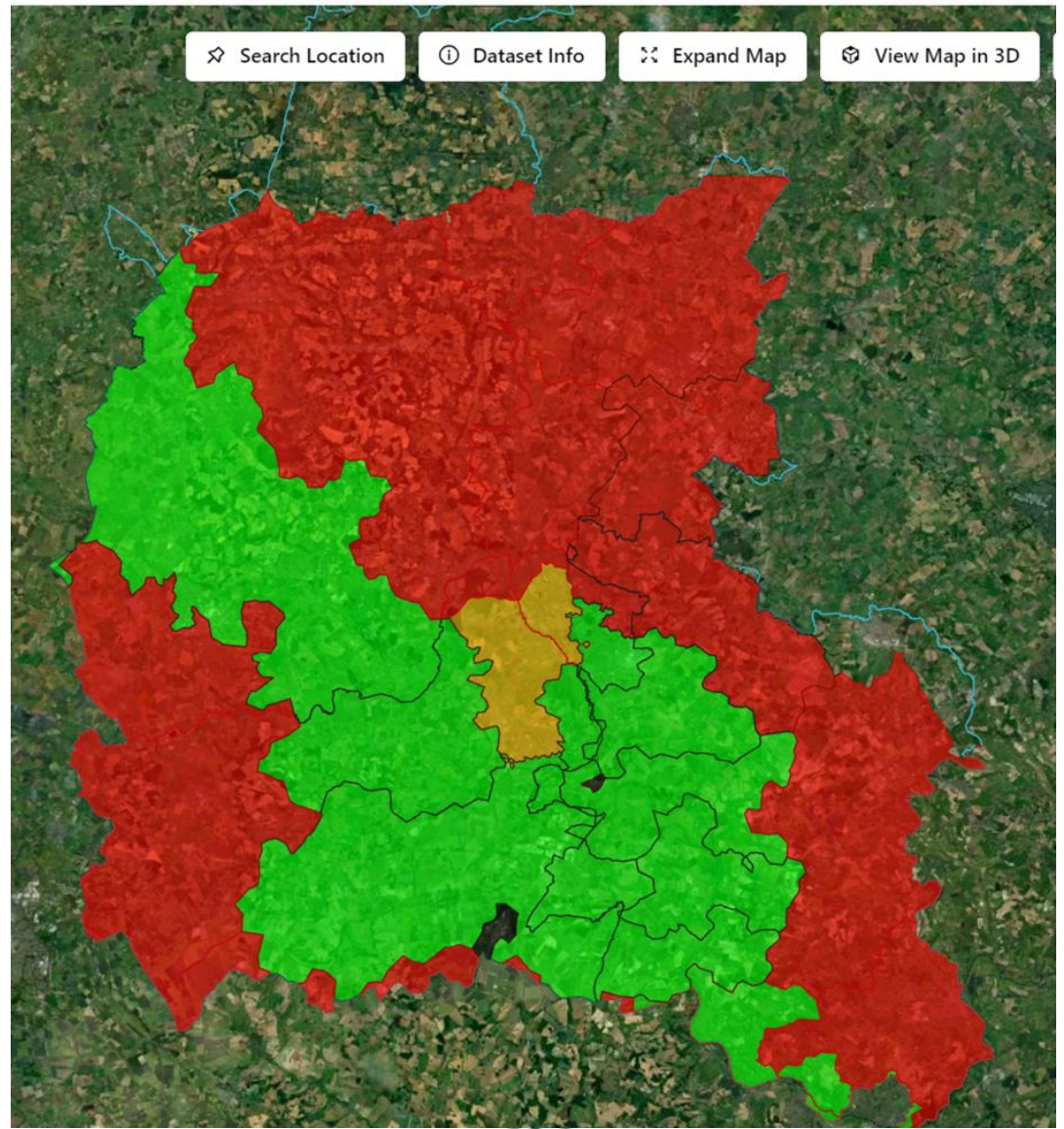
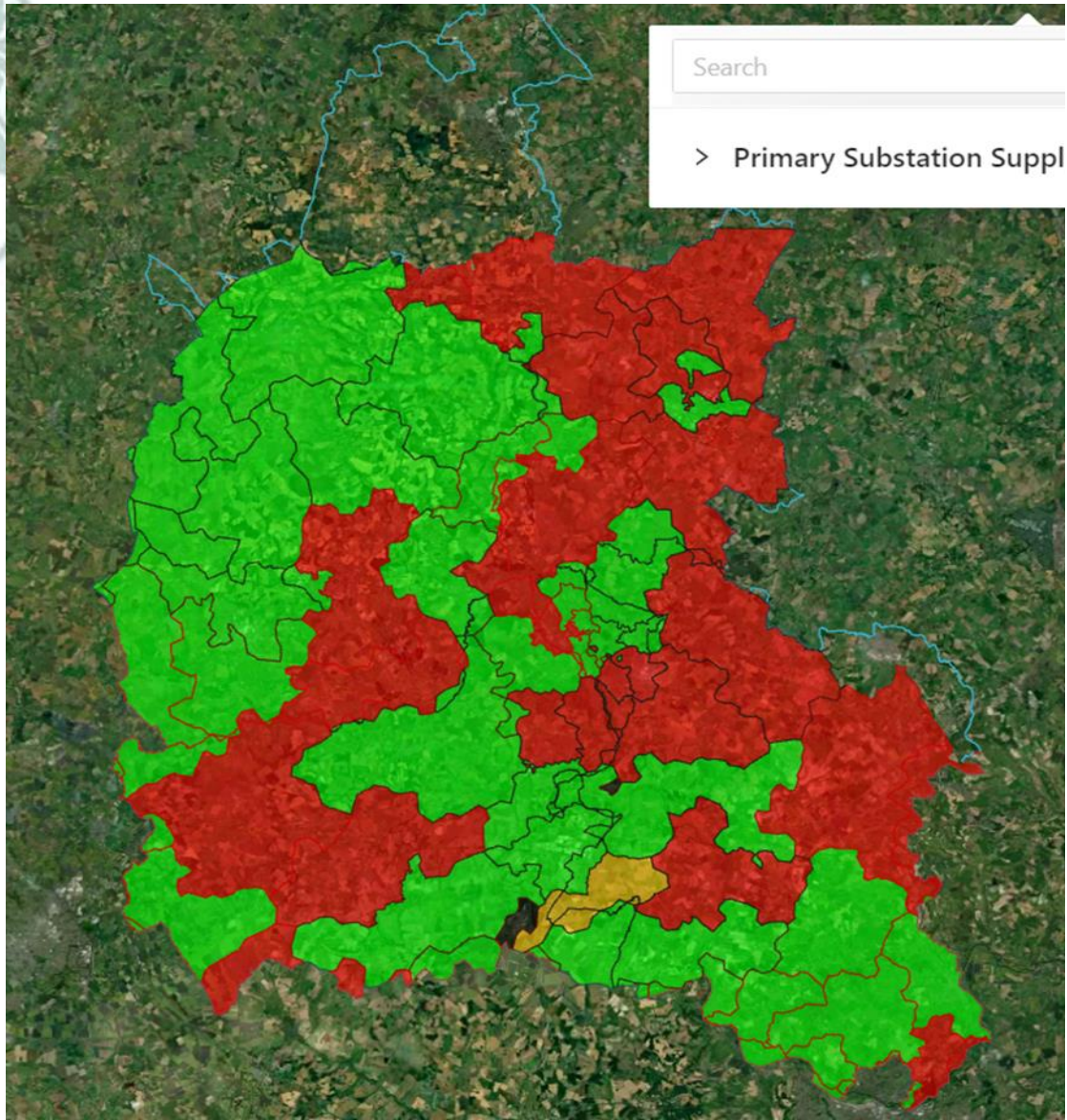
**Net Zero Oxfordshire**

% changes are the total (cumulative change) at that date

Roadmap covers scopes 1 and 2. Scope 3 (embodied carbon, consumption emissions) will need to be included in considerations over coming years to limit Oxfordshire's wider impacts.



Hydrogen sources (scope 3) are out of scope of the work, however estimates have been made for the aggregate impact of hydrogen on the UK system emissions



# Oxfordshire LAEP (OxLAEP) governance

- The OxLAEP was initiated in 2023 by the **Future Oxfordshire Partnership (FOP)**, as one of the actions agreed under Pathways to a Zero Carbon Oxfordshire (PAZCO).
- FOP members are the six local authorities: Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell, Oxford City, West Oxon, South Oxon, Vale of the White Horse District Council and



- OxLAEP has its own governance structure. members are the six Councils and:

	Oxfordshire's three Distribution Network Operators (SSEN, NGED, UKPN)
	National Energy Systems Operator (NESO)
	Southern Gas Network
	Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (OxLEP)
	Greater South-East Net Zero Hub
	Low Carbon Hub (Community Energy)

# The OxLAEP programme

In 2023, the Future Oxfordshire Partnership (FOP) instructed Oxfordshire County Council to convene local authorities and local network operators to scope a Local Area Energy Plan.

In July 2024 FOP approved the recommended options for the OxLAEP.

## WS1 – LAE Plans

- LAEP baseline, scenarios and datasets for essential emissions sectors, suitable to be incorporated into GIS systems
- 5 District level LAEPs
- Integration of community energy projects into wider energy planning
- County-wide summary report

## WS2 – LAEP Function

- Support the development of LAEP capabilities in Oxfordshire's authorities, able to navigate the impacts of grid constraints, and coordinate the Net Zero project delivery pipeline
- Embed LAE Planning into Oxfordshire authorities in the long-term
- Develop Investment programme



# The Oxfordshire LAEP is informed by **Project LEO-N alpha: Local Energy** **Oxfordshire - Neighbourhoods**

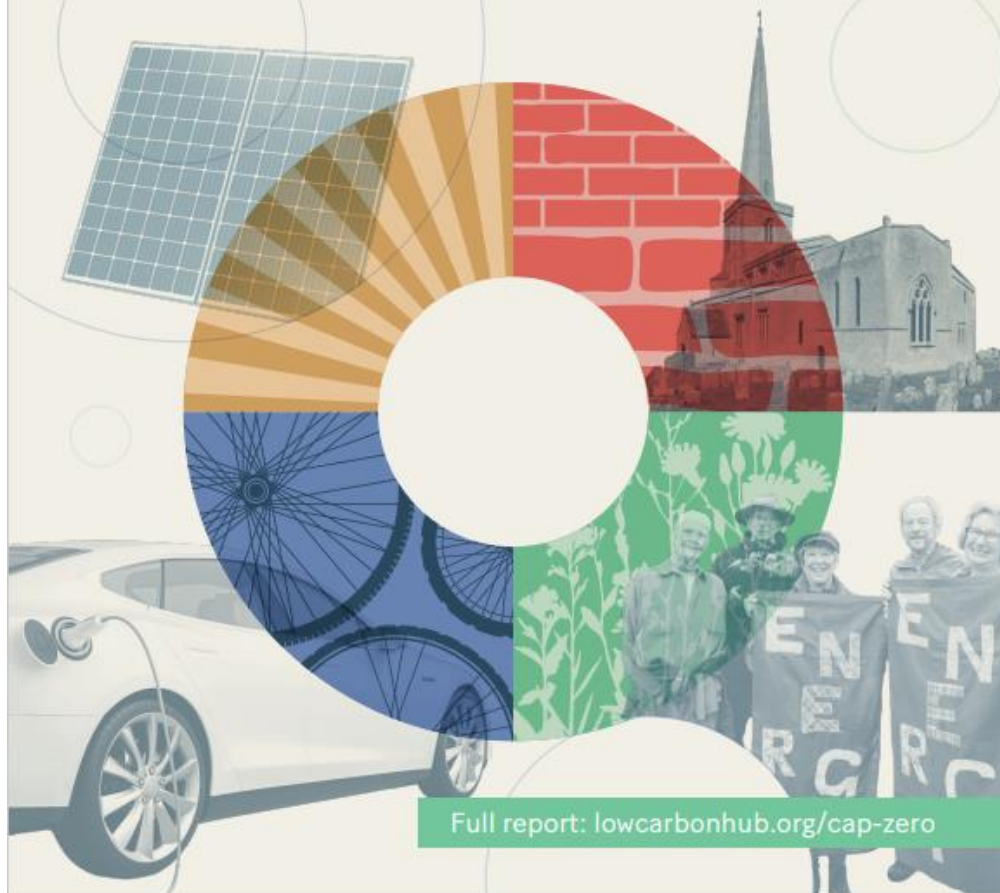


- **LAEP function development:** New institutional arrangements are proposed to facilitate and drive local delivery, develop new delivery mechanisms including innovative financing options, mobilise the supply chain and improve community level energy planning to integrate with wider City or County wide plans.
- **Digital, dynamic LAEPs:** Local Area Energy Planning tools such as AITL’s LAEP+/LENZA/Your Net Zero Hub, capable to “nest” datasets, action plans and project pipelines at different geographic levels, feed forecast demand and supply data directly back to DNOs to support infrastructure upgrade planning and enhance local authority capacity through automation. Data is shared with strategic partners.
- **Grid Edge coordinators:** specialist organisations that bring together the skills and expertise required to support communities with neighbourhood-level, hyper-local LAEPs and deployment of Net Zero solutions to reduce and delay need for grid infrastructure upgrades and enable the sharing and trading of energy to maximise community benefits.



# Community Action Plan for Zero-Carbon Energy

 CAPZero | Leading the Way – Summary Report

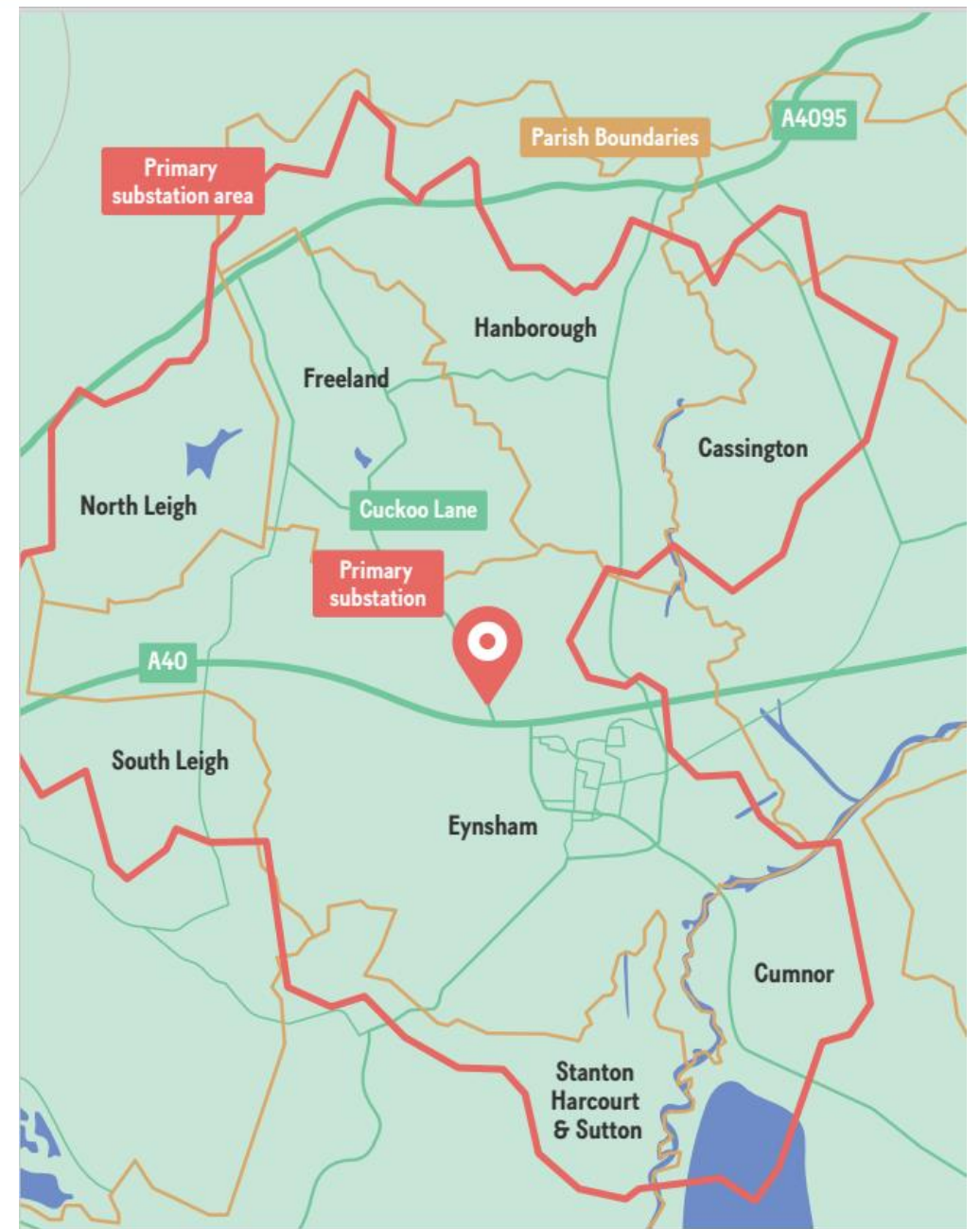


Full report: [lowcarbonhub.org/cap-zero](http://lowcarbonhub.org/cap-zero)



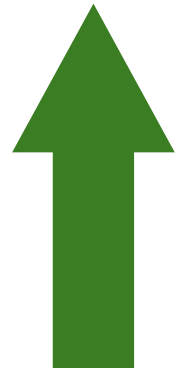
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Stanton Harcourt & Sutton



# LAEC: Local Area Energy Coordination

Closing the delivery gap



## Regional and Local Energy Planning

### STRATEGIC LEVEL

- Open information flows and decision-making at local, network and regional levels
- Strategic engagement with local, regional and national stakeholders
- **Prioritisation aligned with local democratic mandates**

### TACTICAL LEVEL

- Create Neighbourhood-level LAEPs (e.g one per primary)
- Net Zero Delivery Engine
- **Fast, iterative learning on-the-ground**
- Provide expertise to communities
- **Access community knowledge & drive & investment**
- Mediate learning to network operators & councils

## Net Zero Neighbourhoods Delivered

Courtesy of Project LEO-N & Low Carbon Hub

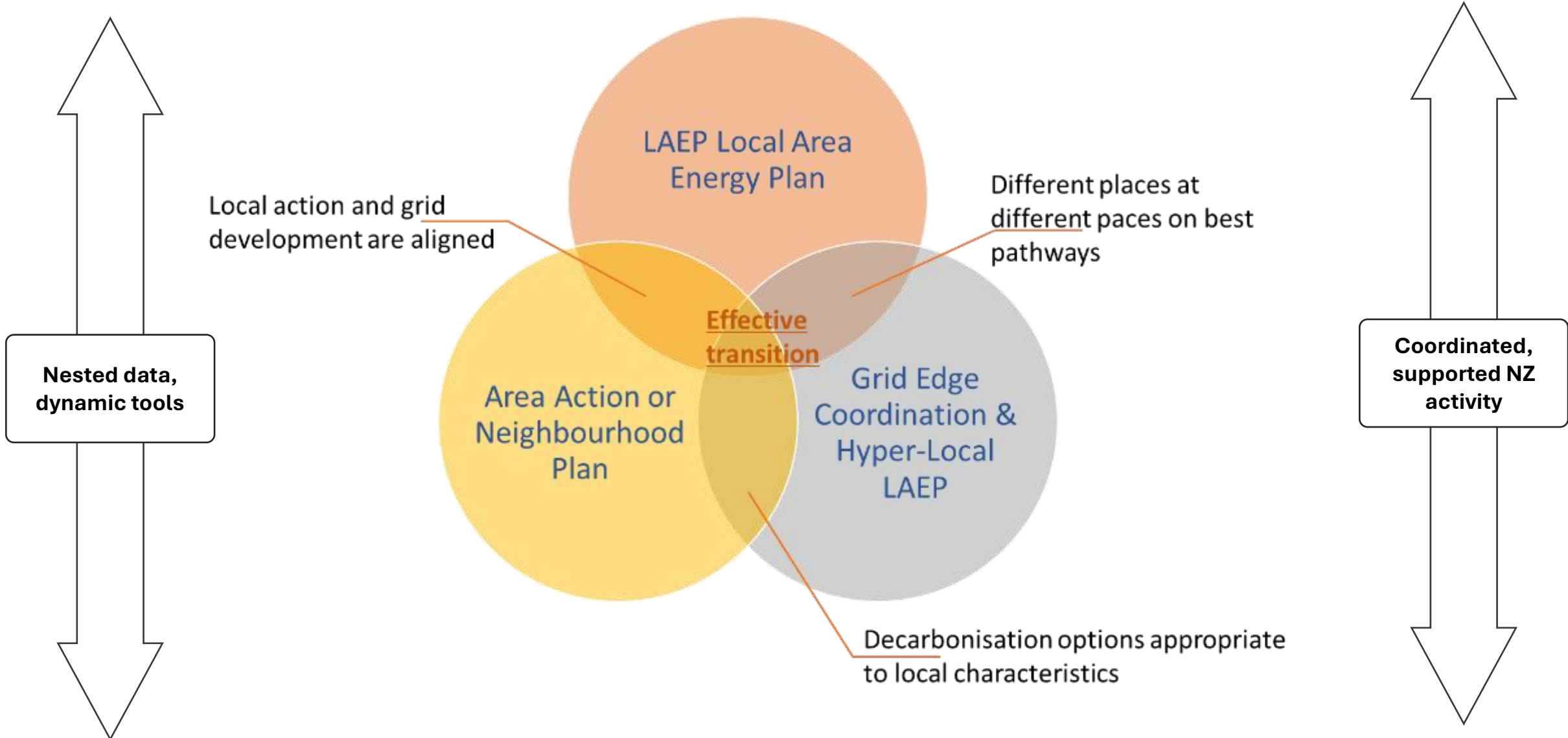
Local-regional collaboration and governance - LAEP

Data Flow via Digital LAEP Platform

Grid Edge Coordination (GEC)



# Integrated Planning: Local Area Energy Coordination



# Oxfordshire Energy System partnership projects

- **Local Energy Oxfordshire (LEO)** – whole system transition, flex, community energy, smart and fair
- **Energy Superhub Oxford (ESO)** – BESS with private wire
- **ZCOP Industrial Decarbonisation**
- **Heat Network** feasibility: Oxford, Banbury.
- **County Retrofit Programme and Cosy Homes**
- **Oxfordshire Energy Saver App** – smart data flex and retrofit support
- **Clean Heat Streets** – Trial of mass domestic heat pump roll out
- **LEO-N alpha**: Grid edge coordination, Local Area Energy coordination, smart community energy schemes (SCES)
- **100 Together** – flagship Net Zero investment programme
- **OxLAEP**



**OxLAEP**



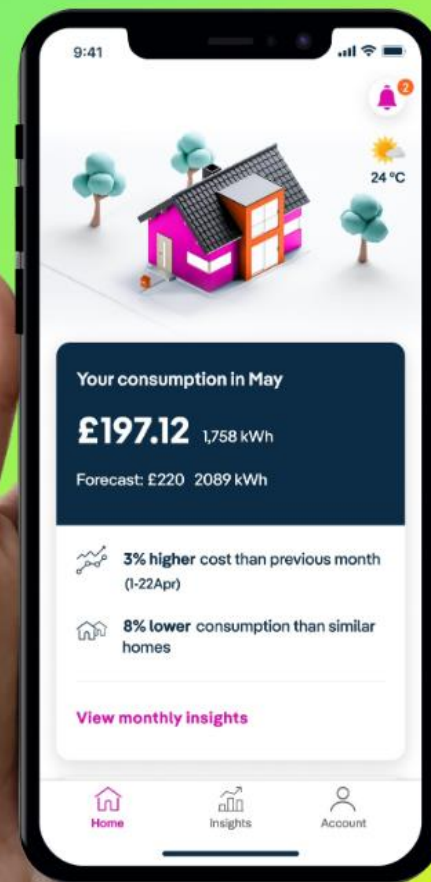
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