



Science Vale UK

// Didcot Community Forum
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Explaining the project

Existing studies & consultation

- National
- Regional
- County
- District
- Local

Strategic Framework

- Infrastructure
- What's needed & why
- Potential on emerging sites

Investment Plan

- Costs & phasing
- Funding opportunities
- Delivery mechanisms
- Risks

- Future funding
- Future policy
- Future growth

Growth sites

Culham Science Centre

Ladygrove East

North East Didcot

Didcot A Power Station

Milton Park

Island site

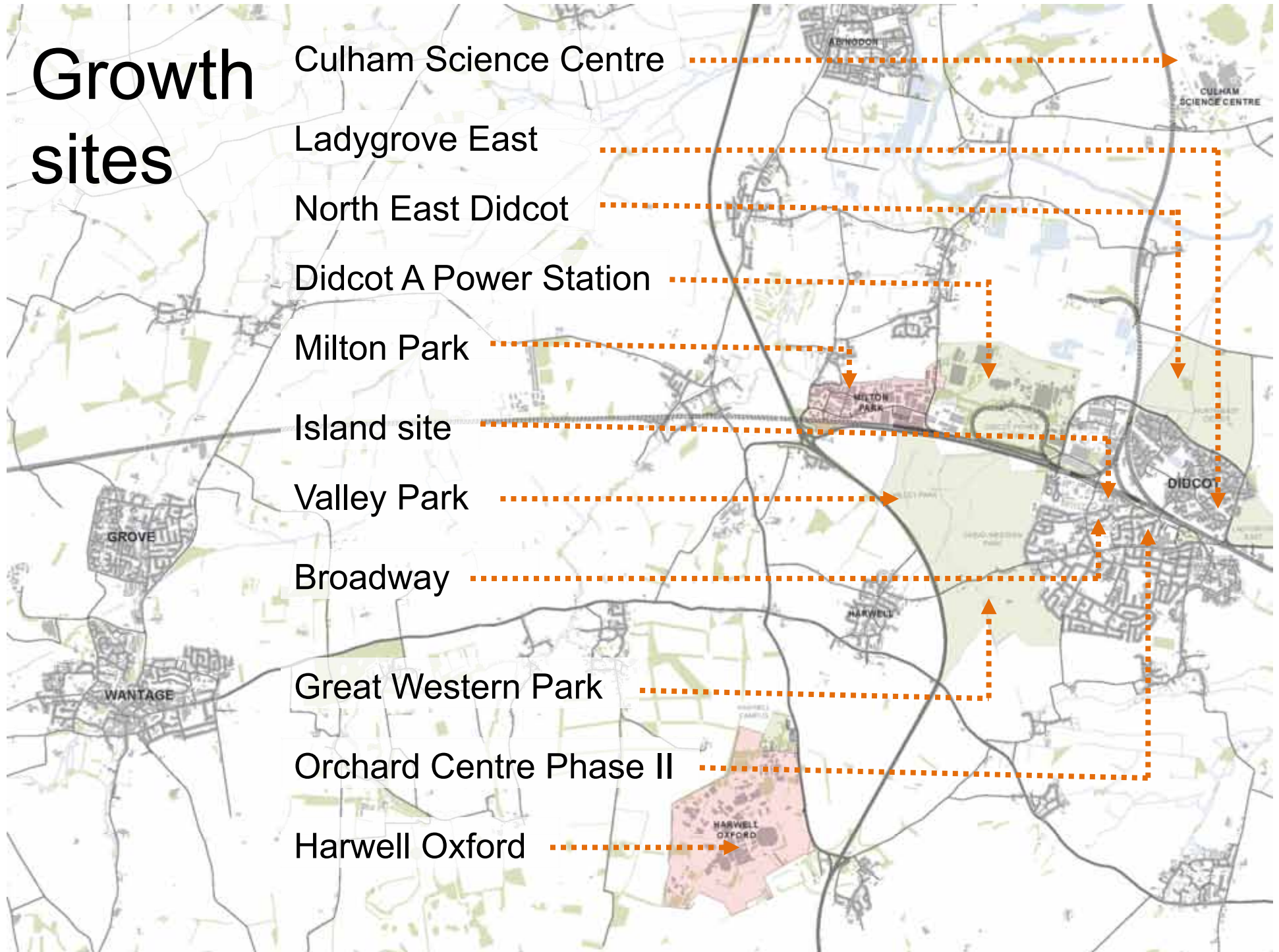
Valley Park

Broadway

Great Western Park

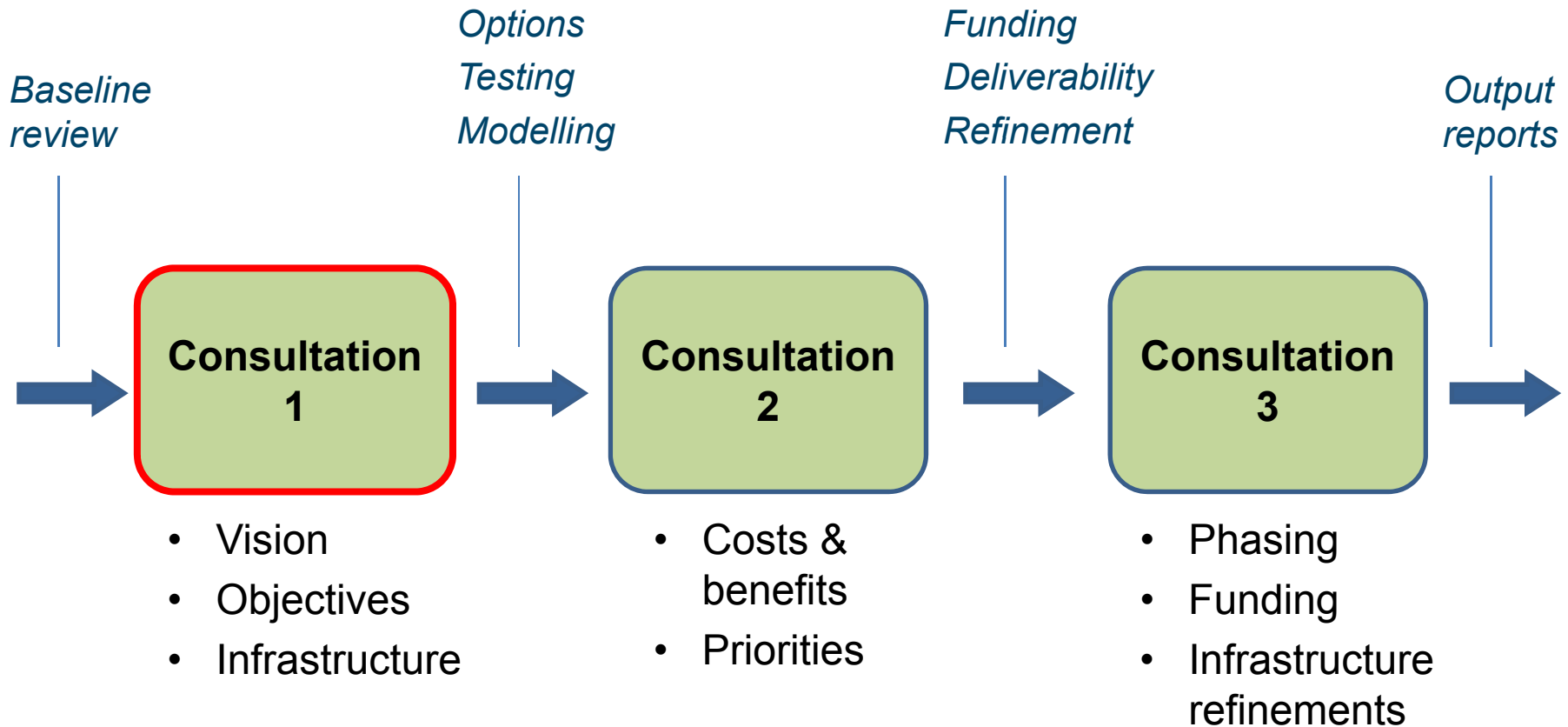
Orchard Centre Phase II

Harwell Oxford





Explaining the process





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A focus on infrastructure

1. **Transport**
2. **Education, skills & training**
3. **Other aspects of economic development**
4. **Other types of community infrastructure**

Realising the visions	Concept	Further suggestions
EXAMPLE	e.g. Further development of youth facilities beyond upgrade to Didcot Vibe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Predominantly new facilities focussed in growth areas • Predominantly improved facilities focussed in existing areas



Informing specific sites

	Suggestions to improve the area?
Didcot A Power Station	e.g. types of growth or suggested projects
Didcot Island site	
Broadway	



“Fixed aspirations”

Includes:

- Growth numbers (e.g. houses)
- Growth sites
- *Quantum/size* of infrastructure to serve sites detailed in the Core Strategy.
 - e.g. X sq.m of greenspace
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- A new sports facility
- High speed internet
- Green infrastructure approach
 - An enhanced urban green grid network
 - a ‘green necklace’ of accessible natural greenspaces within the immediate setting of the town to the south of Didcot



Thank you.

