

Consultation Statement

What you told us



South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Joint Local Plan 2041

Consultation summary, as at October 2024

1. Issues Consultation – May to June 2022

Between 2 May until 23 June 2022, we carried out a Regulation 18 public consultation asking for your thoughts on the main issues facing our districts and how we could use the Joint Local Plan to address them. To do this, we launched an innovative new interactive website for our consultation, with interactive maps, a video and images – you can visit it at southandvale.gov.uk/storymaps. It was designed to work on a tablet, computer or mobile phone, although for those who prefer a more traditional document, there was also a PDF version of the Joint Local Plan Issues consultation available at southandvale.gov.uk/issues-pdf.

After this, we analysed the responses and shared what you told us. To show the results, we made a special version of our interactive website that you can view at southandvale.gov.uk/storymaps-results. As you explore this interactive website you will see snapshots of the results and links to the full consultation results document for further details. We also produced a full 'Issues Consultation Results' document that you can view at southandvale.gov.uk/issues-results. You can view full copies of the responses we received to the Issues Consultation by visiting the Joint Local Plan Regulation 18 Part 1 Response Library List at southandvale.gov.uk/issues-response-library.

2. Preferred Options Consultation – January to February 2024

Between 10 January to 26 February 2024, we asked for community feedback on our Regulation 18 preferred policy options and draft policies to address local challenges and unlock future opportunities across the two districts. We held a number of events and used innovative digital tools to make the plan accessible to a wide audience, who might not have got involved with a local plan before. We won 'highly commended' for this work at the Planning Resource Awards 2024.

After that, we analysed the responses and shared what you told us in a 'Preferred Options Consultation Results' document, which is available at southandvale.gov.uk/options-results. You can view full copies of the responses we received to the Preferred Options Consultation by visiting southandvale.gov.uk/options-responses.

3. Joint Local Plan Pre-Submission (Regulation 19) – October to November 2024

The current opportunity for making comments is a six-week period running from 1 October until 12 November 2024. This is the formal publication stage of the Joint Local Plan where people can make representations on the legal compliance and soundness of the plan and whether the councils have complied with their Duty to Cooperate.

After this, we will produce a Consultation Statement in line with Regulation 22 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and submit that alongside the Joint Local Plan.

You can look out for news of the progress of our plan through submission and examination on the Joint Local Plan webpages: South Oxfordshire: southoxon.gov.uk/jointlocalplan or Vale of White Horse: whitehorsedc.gov.uk/jointlocalplan

Here to help

If you would like any assistance with viewing the consultation responses or if you require any of the consultation material in an alternative format (for example large print, Braille, audio, email, Easy Read and alternative languages) please email planning.policy@southandvale.gov.uk or call 01235 422600.