

# **South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Joint Local Plan 2041**

## **Independent Examination Hearing**

### **Matter 1 Legal and Procedural**

Tuesday 3 June 2025

#### **Agenda**

Please Note:

- The Hearing session will sit from 9.30am – 5pm with a short break mid-morning and mid-afternoon. Lunch will be 1.00-2.00pm. **The session will begin with Matter 1 and Matter 2 will follow on.**
- Participants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the Hearing Statements (and any additional evidence) produced by the Councils and other parties in respect of the matters addressed at this Hearing session. These are available on the Examination website.
- References to Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQs) are to the MIQs for the Examination (ID02). The areas for discussion relate to points the Inspectors require further information on.

#### **Inspectors' Opening Announcements**

#### **ISSUE – Whether the Councils have complied with the relevant legal and procedural requirements**

#### **Areas for Discussion:**

##### **Plan preparation**

- Local Development Scheme (Q1.1)

##### **Consultation**

- Compliance with the Statement of Community Involvement (Q1.2)
- Consultation methods and responses (Q1.3, Q1.6)
- Submitted proposed modifications (CSD01.1)

- Policies Map (CSD02.1, CSD02.2, CSD02.3)

### **Strategic priorities**

- Strategic priorities and appropriate policies (Q1.7)
- Identification of strategic policies (Q1.8) (Q1.9)

### **Strategic policies**

- Plan period (Q1.10)

### **Climate change**

- Climate change (Q1.11)

### **Neighbourhood plans**

- Regard to neighbourhood plans (Q1.12)
- Conflicts and resolutions (Q1.13)
- Appropriate framework for neighbourhood plans (Q1.14)

### **Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)**

- The role of SA in informing the plan preparation (Q1.15)
- SA methodology (Q1.16)
- Baseline assessment technical addendum (Q1.17)
- SA issues and objectives (Q1.18)
- SA and the plan's objectives (Q1.19)
- Significant effects assessment (Q1.20)
- Reasonable alternatives (Q1.21) (Q1.22) (Q1.23) (Q1.24)
- SA and the spatial strategy (Q1.25)
- SA and the 'carried forward sites' (Q1.26) (Q1.27)
- SA mitigation and monitoring (Q1.28) (Q1.29)
- Overall legal compliance (Q1.31) (Q1.32)

## **Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) (CSD04) and Appropriate Assessment (CSD04.1)**

- Timing and reporting of the HRA (Q1.34)
- 'Carried forwards sites' and the HRA (Q1.36) (Q1.37)
- Unresolved assessments of significant effects (Q1.39 to Q1.42)
- Overall legal compliance (Q1.43)

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 3 carried forwards policies (Q1.46)