

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Joint Local Plan 2041

Independent Examination Hearing

Matter 2 Duty to Cooperate (following on from Matter 1)

Tuesday 3 June 2025

Agenda

Please Note:

Matter 2 will follow on from Matter 1 to allow for flexibility in programming.

- The Hearing session will sit from 9.30am – 5pm with a short break mid-morning and mid-afternoon. Lunch will be from 1.00-2.00pm.
- 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' Announcements

ISSUE – Whether the Councils have complied with the legal Duty to Cooperate in the preparation of the Local Plan.

Areas for Discussion:

General

- Strategic planning matters (Q2.1)
- Structures, processes and groups (Q2.2)

- Oxfordshire Planning Policy Officers Group
- Planning Advisory Group
- PAG Officer Group
- other mechanisms/groups
- Additional information (Q2.3)
- Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) (Q2.4).
- Overall engagement (Q2.5)

Housing Needs and the Housing Requirement

- Engagement (Q2.6)
- Local Housing Need Figure (Q2.7)
- Joint Housing Needs Assessment (JHNA) (Q2.7)
- Alternative housing needs figure (Q2.8)
- Unmet need – Oxford City (Q2.9)
- Previously agreed unmet need (Q2.10)
- Potential unmet need (beyond 2036) (Q2.11)
- Specialist Housing Needs workshop – Joint Housing Needs Assessment (JHNA) (Q2.12)
- Post workshop engagement (Q2.13)
- Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment Methodology (Q2.14)
- Overall engagement (Q2.15)

Employment

- Engagement (Q2.16)
- Employment Land Needs Assessment (HES08/HES08.1) (Q2.17)
- Cross boundary employment issues (Q2.18)
- Outstanding DtC issues? (Q2.19)

Habitat Regulations

- Engagement (Q2.20)

Infrastructure

- Engagement (Q2.21)
Specifically (Q.22) (Q2.23):
- Third Thames Crossing
- Cowley Branch Line
- Strategic reservoir
- Other transport issues
- Infrastructure Delivery Plan

Lowland Fens Study

- Strategic/Cross-border issues (Q.24)
- Engagement (Q2.25) (Q2.26)

Other Strategic Issues

- Other strategic issues -outcome of engagement
- Overall engagement