



Independent Examination of the South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Joint Local Plan 2041

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Dear ██████████,

Examination of the South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Joint Local Plan 2041 – Procedural Meeting – 12 February 2026

1. In our letter of 6 January 2026, we informed the Councils of our intention to hold a Procedural Meeting (PM) to discuss the best way forward for the examination process in light of recent announcements regarding the Duty to Cooperate. The Councils have since liaised with us via the Programme Officer (PO) to agree a date and venue for the PM.
2. The PM will be held 12 February 2026, 12-2pm at:

Abbey House Meeting Room 1
South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse
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3. The PM will be held in public with interested persons able to attend and the event will be live streamed. However, it is anticipated at this stage that only the Inspectors and Councils will participate in discussion at it. Representors will be able to take part in relevant future hearing sessions.

4. The PM will focus on the practical arrangements of resuming the examination in light of the anticipated change to legislative arrangements. **Importantly, there will be no discussion of evidence or soundness matters at the PM.**
5. The agenda is appended to this letter to provide a structure for the PM. There will be no need for the Councils to produce any written material prior to the PM. There will be an opportunity for questions to be put to the Inspectors and for the Inspectors to put questions to the Councils. The PO will publish the note of the PM as soon as practicable afterwards.
6. A copy of this letter and agenda should be published on the examination website as soon as possible. We are not inviting comments from anyone else on the contents of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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Procedural Meeting (PM)

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AGENDA

Abbey House Meeting Room 1

- 1) Welcome and introductions
- 2) Summary of matters which gave rise to the PM
- 3) Matters outstanding from first stage hearings
- 4) Way forward with the Examination
- 5) Practical arrangements for the hearing sessions
- 6) AOB
- 7) Close