

**South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse**

**Joint Local Plan 2045 (JLP2)**

**Notice of intention to commence local plan preparation**

**and**

**Timetable for the South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse  
Joint Local Plan 2045 (JLP2)**

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## **Notice of Intention to Commence Local Plan Preparation under Regulation 19(2) & (4) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026**

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils (the 'Councils') HEREBY give NOTICE of their intention to commence preparation of a new joint local plan to be known as the Joint Local Plan 2045. This notice is issued pursuant to Regulations 19 and 82 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026.

The Joint Local Plan 2045 will cover the administrative district areas of both South Oxfordshire (ONS E07000179) and Vale of White Horse (ONS E07000180), as shown edged green and blue on the map below.

The Councils expect to start the 30-month plan preparation process on Friday 30 October 2026.

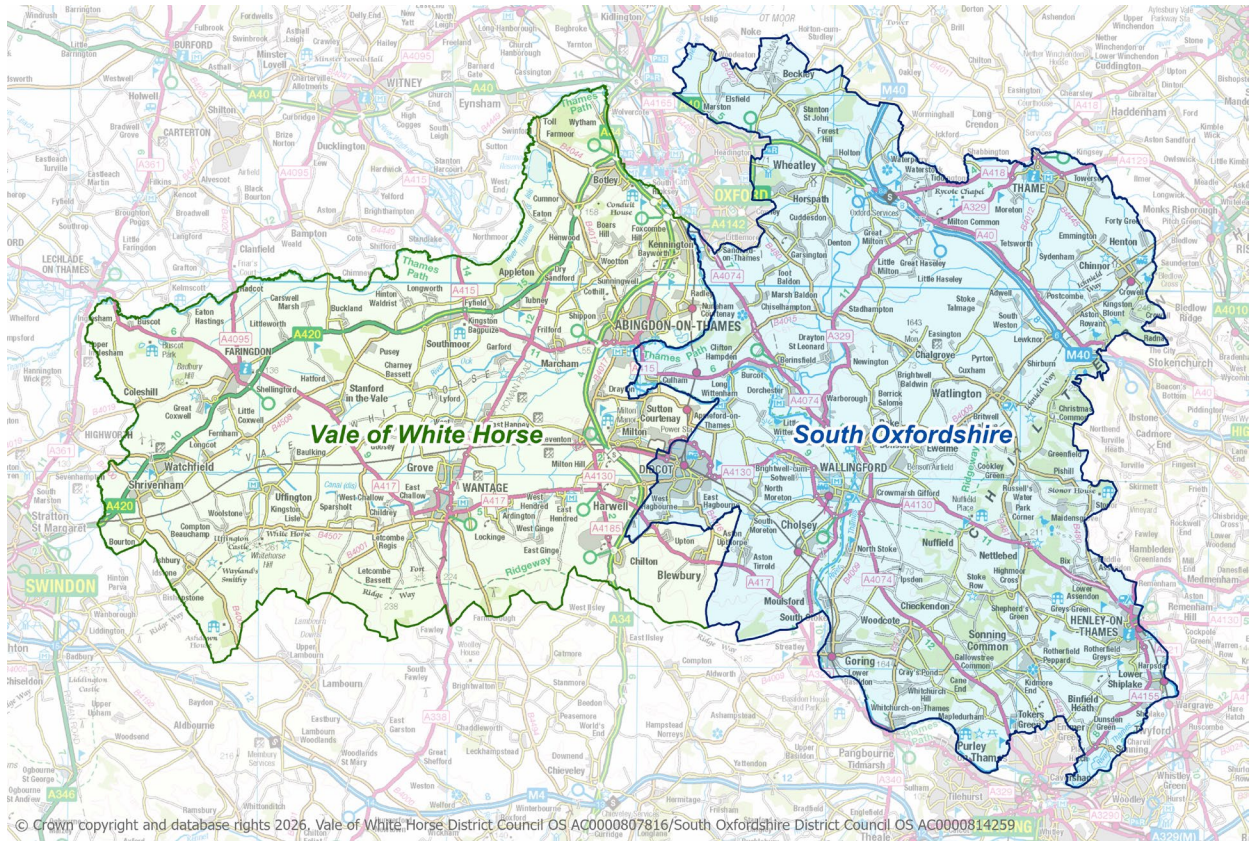
A copy of this Notice and the Councils' Local Plan Timetable can be viewed during normal office hours at:

- Council Offices, Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon, OX14 3JE

The timetable can also be viewed on our Joint Local Plan 2045 Timetable webpage: [www.southandvale.gov.uk/JLP2timetable](http://www.southandvale.gov.uk/JLP2timetable)

The documents will remain available for the public to view until the expiry of a minimum period of three months beginning with the day after the date on which the Joint Local Plan 2045, to which the documents relate, shall be adopted by the Councils under Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

## JLP2 Plan Area



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Vale of White Horse administrative boundary, ONS E07000180/South Oxfordshire administrative boundary, ONS E07000179

In accordance with Regulation 19(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026, this notice is made available on 19 June 2026.

For more information on the Joint Local Plan 2045  
please visit: [www.southandvale.gov.uk/JLP2](http://www.southandvale.gov.uk/JLP2)

## Timetable for the South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Joint Local Plan 2045 (JLP2)

This version of the timetable was last reviewed on 19 June 2026.

If you save or share a copy of this PDF, please note it may not reflect the latest version of the timetable. To ensure you have the most up-to-date and accurate information, we recommend checking the timetable webpage below.

[www.southandvale.gov.uk/JLP2timetable](http://www.southandvale.gov.uk/JLP2timetable)

Stage of Plan Preparation	Key Tasks	Dates
Getting Ready	Develop project management process and structure, governance, risk register and ensure resources are in place to begin the project.	April to June 2026
	Publish notice of intention to commence ( <i>Regulation 19(1)</i> )	Published – 19 June 2026
	Gather baseline information	April to October 2026
	Begin scoping, collating and procuring early evidence, including strategic environmental assessment.	
	Develop an Engagement Strategy.  Provide councillor and key internal and external stakeholder briefings/early engagement about forthcoming plan production.	April to August 2026
	Run a scoping consultation to invite early engagement ( <i>Regulation 20(1)</i> )	8 – 29 September 2026
Pass through Gateway 1 following self-assessment ( <i>Regulation 21(3)</i> )	<b>By 31 October 2026</b> <b>(a statutorily set deadline)</b>	
<b>Months 1 to 23</b>		
Prepare Plan	Ongoing engagement with councillors and key internal and external stakeholders about each stage of plan preparation.	Autumn 2026 to Spring 2027
	Publish summary of scoping consultation ( <i>Regulation 22(1)</i> )	
	Continue to gather evidence and understand land availability (by running site selection process)	

	Draft vision, spatial strategy and plan policies.	
	Run consultation on proposed plan content & evidence (including a scoping report for undertaking SEA/SA of the emerging plan) <i>(Regulation 23(1))</i>	1 June to 13 July 2027 (minimum 6-week period)
	Prepare/publish summary of the consultation on proposed local plan content & evidence <i>(Regulation 24(1))</i>	August to October 2027
	Gateway 2 - checking progress with the Planning Inspectorate <i>(Regulation 26)</i>	1 November to December 2027
	Continue to work on the plan (taking on board feedback from consultation)	Winter 2027/2028
	Run consultation on the proposed plan (accompanied by a full Sustainability Report) <i>(Regulation 27)</i>	7 March to 18 April 2028 (minimum 8-week period)
	Prepare/publish summary of the consultation <i>(Regulation 30)</i>	May to July 2028
	Finalise the plan	
	Gateway 3 – prescribed requirements assessment by an appointed person <i>(Regulations 31, 32 &amp; 33)</i>	1 August to September 2028
<b>Months 24 to 29</b>		
Examination	Submission of plan for examination <i>(Regulation 34)</i>	31 October 2028
	Examination hearing sessions	November 2028 to March 2029
<b>Month 30</b>		
Adoption	Publish plan and adoption statement <i>(Regulation 39)</i>	30 April 2029

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