



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

### **Independent Examination Hearing - Part 2**

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

Tuesday 7 July 2026

#### **Agenda**

Please Note:

- The Hearing session will sit from 9.30am – 5pm with a short break mid-morning and mid-afternoon. Lunch will be 1pm – 2pm. **The session will begin with Matter 1 and then Matter 2 will follow.**
- 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 [ID19]. The areas for discussion relate to points the Inspectors require further information on. As set out in ID20, statements and representations submitted at Part 1 of the hearings will be taken as read and taken into account in our overall assessment.

Where we refer to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) it is the December 2023 version. Similarly, any reference to the Planning Practice Guidance (PPG), will be to the version relevant to the December 2023 NPPF.

#### **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)
- Implications of preparation of a local plan in the new system (Q1.2)

#### **Neighbourhood Plans (NPs)**

- Additional NPs? (Q1.3/Q1.4)

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

- Additional SA/SEA work [LPA62] (Q1.5)
- Any additional work arising from the re-calculation of local housing need? (Q1.6)

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

- Atmospheric pollution - HRA AA Addendum - Methodology [LPA43] (Q1.7)
- HRA AA Addendum - Methodology [LPA43] conclusions (Q1.8)
- Compliance with legal requirements (Q1.9)
- Modifications (Q1.10)
- Adjustments to reflect the recalculation of housing need (Q1.11)

#### **Strategic policies and the Plan period**

- Strategic policies (Q1.12)
- Plan period (Q1.13)

#### **Spatial Development Strategy**

- Timetable (Q1.14)