



Planning Inspectorate

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

Independent Examination Hearing - Part 2

Matter 3 The Housing Target/Requirement

Thursday 9 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.
- 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 Plan has been positively prepared and whether it is justified, effective and consistent with national policy in relation to the overall provision for housing and the housing requirement?

Areas for Discussion:

Policy HOU1 – Recalculated Local Housing Need (LHN)

- Backdating of recalculated LHN to the start of the Plan period/under-supply (Q3.1.a/3.1.b/3.1.c)
- Should the housing requirement be adjusted to reflect the recalculated LHN? (Q3.2)
- Implications of recalculated LHN for the Joint Housing Needs Assessment [HES15/1] (Q3.3).
- Implications of the recalculated LHN for evidence base studies (Q3.4)
- Implications for future jobs growth (Q3.5)
- Meeting previously agreed unmet need in the JLP (Q3.6)
- Overlap of unmet need between Plan periods (Q3.7)
- Net additional newly arising unmet need (Q3.7)
- Proportion of emerging Oxford Local Plan's (OLP) unmet housing need to be accommodated by the Plan (Q3.8)
- Main modifications (Q3.9)
- Are the respective housing requirements justified? (Q3.10)