

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

## Independent Examination Hearing – Part 2 Matter 5 Vision, Objectives and Spatial Strategy

Wednesday 8 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 Part 2 [ID19]. The areas for discussion relate to points which the Inspectors require further information.

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' Introduction

**ISSUE: Whether the vision, objectives and spatial strategy are justified, effective and consistent with national policy? (MIQs 5.1-5.41)**

- Vision and Objectives
- Spatial Strategy (Policy SP1)
- Settlement Hierarchy (Policy SP2)
- The strategy for Didcot Garden Town (Policy SP3)
- A strategy for Abingdon-on-Thames (Policy SP4)
- A strategy for Faringdon (Policy SP5)
- A strategy for Henley-on-Thames (Policy SP6)
- A strategy for Thame (Policy SP7)
- A strategy for Wallingford (Policy SP8)
- A strategy for Wantage (Policy SP9)